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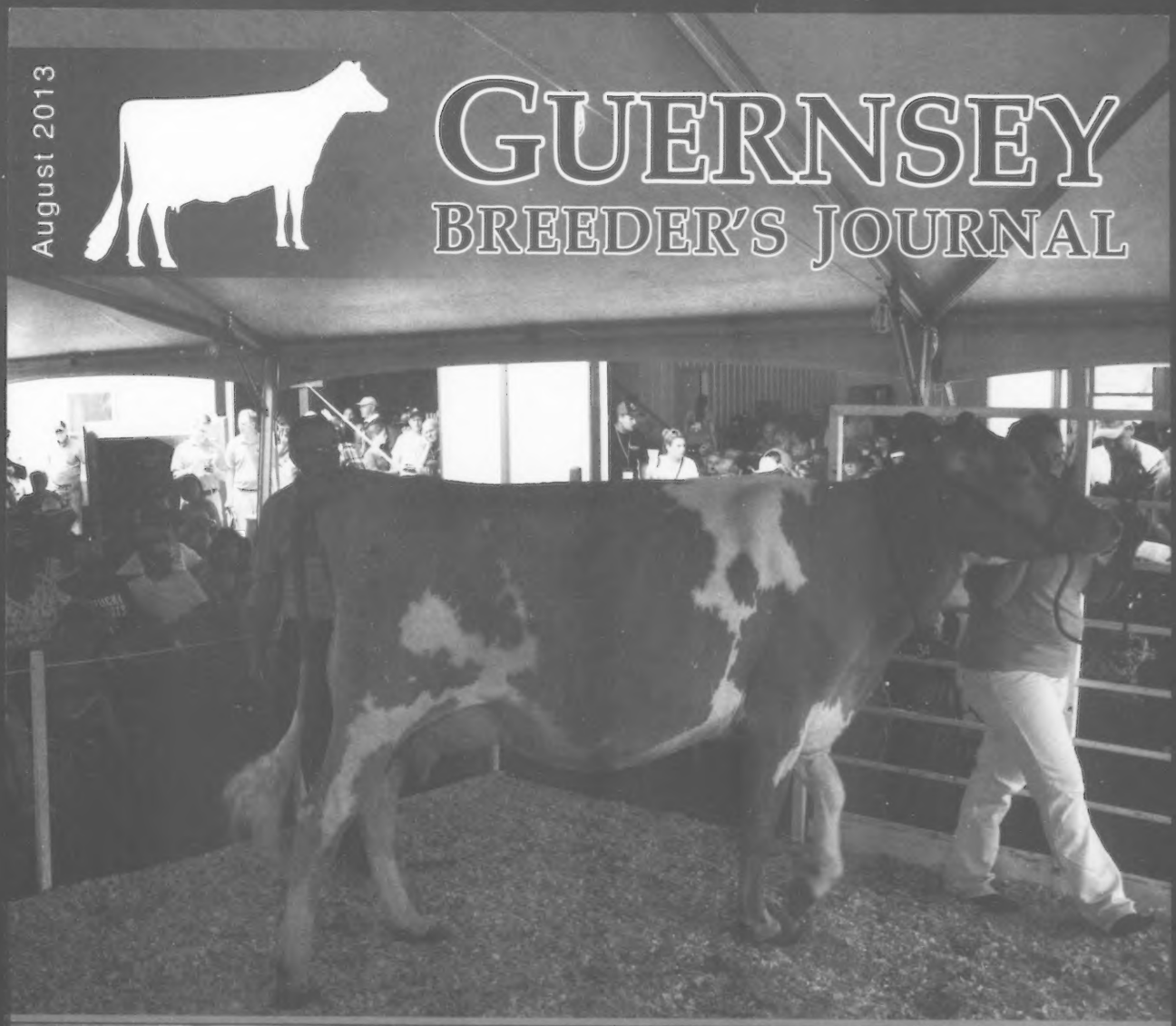

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Flambeau Manor Decision Lori-ET EX-90
2-00 305D 24,725M 5.7% 1403F 3.0% 749P
3-09 365D 44,250M 5.9% 2600F 3.0% 1313P
LTD: 138,470M 5.5% 7,654F 3.3% 4,590P
Lori's #1 CPI Daughter Lorilyn just scored EX-91 to make 6 generations of EX. Congratulations to the Petersons of Coulee Crest for developing this branch of our Lana family.

Flambeau Manor Glacier Lynn-ET EX-92
2-02 306D 17,481M 4.6% 798F 3.3% 573P
3-02 353D 22,620M 4.6% 1039F 3.5% 782P
4-04 365D 28,353M 5.7% 1620F 3.5% 980P
5-11 365D 30,410M 5.6% 1712F 3.3% 1008P
LTD: 123,491M 5.4% 6,641F 3.5% 4,369P
Lynn is a maternal sister to Decision Lori. Her EX-91 Masterpeice is a 6th Generation EX and 3rd Generation over 1,100F! We have a Yogi daughter from Lynn and a March 2013 Phoenix son available. We have Geo and Yogi heifers and a VG Latte from the Masterpiece.

Royal Oak just scores 91!
Flambeau Manor RO Lauren-ET EX-91 93MS: Lauren is a Royal Oak from Goliath Lauren, EX-92. G Lauren made over 1,000F three times and finished with over 160,000M 5.2% and 3.6%. RO Lauren is a maternal sister to Lexus!

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Thank you to all those that came to watch, bid or buy in Oklahoma. A special thanks to those that chose to participate as consignors in the National Sale. Your faith in the strong market for Registered Guernseys helped make this a special day for us and for the Guernsey breed!

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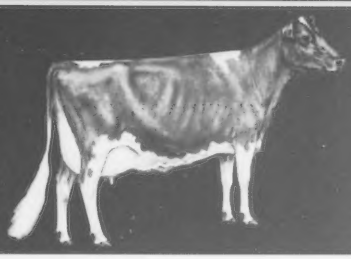

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Photos from the National Convention Sale that averaged almost $6000. For complete sale coverage see page

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Seth Johnson

Golden Focus

~Executive Secretary's Annual Report given to membership, June 24, Tulsa, OK

I would like to begin my report by thanking the members of the Oklahoma GBA. There aren't many Oklahoma GBA members in this room right now as half the current membership in the state is getting ready for a big sale later today. But, they have all done a wonderful job hosting us this week. The hotel, the food, the tours and the hospitality have all been top-notch.

Brian Schnebly and I always get a two-room suite at the National Convention so that we have room to hold small meetings and working groups and to store all the various awards and agendas we bring with us. The room is empty now as slowly during the week we have held meetings and contests that have used up all the material Brian packed into the company car and drove here from Ohio. I feel we have had a great week with much accomplished for AGA and for our individual members, particularly our youth.

One of the main points of conversation in the past few months has been AGA finances. As you can see on the report in front of you, the AGA's combined operations – AGA, Purebred Publishing and Guernsey Marketing Service - has operated in the black for the past three years. This certainly does not mean that we are resting on our laurels. But, it does help solidify our bottom line. AGA President Dave Trotter appointed a Financial Advisory Committee following last year's Annual Meeting. This committee reviewed the AGA financial picture and had several concerns about our current status and our future direction. They found some of the status-quo regarding AGA financials that we have learned to accept to be unacceptable. Their input has been appreciated and has been a wake-up call for your board of directors and myself to renew our efforts to attain a solid financial footing for your association.

Purebred Publishing continues to operate to the benefit of AGA. Our new lead editor, Cheri Oechsle, has taken the bull by the horns and is working diligently with the rest of the staff to continue to improve our print publications and to bring them to you online as well. Purebred is certainly the most successful joint venture between various breed associations and we are looking at others that could positively impact all our organizations. On October 1, we will rejoin the joint breeds appraisal program with Brown Swiss, Milking Shorthorn and Ayrshire. AGA has also been meeting with the heads of these other breed association to discuss further efforts at joint activities.

Your AGA staff has worked hard at marketing your cattle and genetics in the past year. We have exported embryos to Thailand, Argentina, Finland and Japan, and have continued to work to help your cattle consigned to public auctions bring fair prices. I have been encouraged as solid animals, consigned from deep, quality cow families have continued to rise in value. I am excited about the sale later today where 132 Registered Guernseys will sell. Some have suggested that this is "too many to sell" out here in the middle of the country. I contend that the demand for our cattle is there and if demand is truly strong, we will never have "too many to sell." Our goal for this breed is to be able to meet the demand that exists for our cattle by making quality animals available at fair prices.

Three themes have arisen this week on multiple occasions:

Marketing Golden Guernsey products is a dream of many of our members. More simply, capturing the true value of Guernsey milk, rather than shipping to the com-

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President's Report

David Trotter

~Presiden'ts Annual Report given to membership, June 23, Tulsa, OK

"And so God made a farmer", we heard this recently during the last Super Bowl as one of the commercials. Thank you Dodge for showing America the importance of agriculture. All it took was one two-minute advertisement and it went viral. Think of the spark you could make for Guernseys. I challenge all of you to think of an idea or comment that could enhance AGA in some way for the next year.

As you all know, Jackie Robinson was the first African American to play baseball in the major leagues. Since Robinson was single-handedly breaking baseball's color barrier, it takes no stretch of the imagination to consider the hostile crowds in every stadium his team traveled to. On one fateful day, playing in his home stadium, he committed an error. Immediately the fans began to jeer and yell at him. Robinson stood at second base with his head low and humiliated while the nasty crowd booed him. Then, without saying a word, shortstop Pee Wee Reese went over and stood beside Jackie. He put his arm around him and looked up at the crowd. Instantaneously the fans grew quiet. Robinson later said that arm around his shoulder saved his career.

I want you to think about Pee Wee Reese for a moment. Think of the courage it took for him to identify with Robinson. On that day, Reese did more than just help his team pull together, he was a true encourager, he was one who stood up and said "I believe in this man!" Let me ask you a question: Where would you be without the Pee Wee Reese's in your life? These are the men and women that came along side of you and walked beside you when you were down. When everyone else was giving you the proverbial "thumbs-down" and giving up on you, there was your Reese with his arms around your shoulder.

The book of Acts highlights a man named Barnabas. Barnabas' real name was Joseph – however you will never hear anyone refer to him by that if you lived in his day. Barnabas literally means, "Son of Encouragement" (Acts 4:36-37) and since he embodied his nickname so well, everyone called him Barnabas, instead of his birth name.

I am betting that you have some friends with nicknames that have no rhyme or reason other than they sounded cool. Barnabas' life was one consumed with encouraging the broken hearted, uplifting the downtrodden, developing others and giving generously. No doubt this man was special. No doubt this man had to get his nickname from many years of helping others. Norman Vincent Peale once said, "Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that." I am betting that this was the type of man Pee Wee Reese was, a person that could see past the exterior of a person and see their soul. In a way, Reese was a Barnabas for Jackie Robinson. And that is what made Pee Wee Reese's action so powerful and historic.

Who are you being a Barnabas to in your life? Several people have inspired and encouraged myself and the AGA this past year. I want to thank you for your wise words of encouragement. The staff and board of directors have continued to do the best for AGA. I look out among all of you and can easily say your actions, words, and thoughts echo that you care about your association. Your membership is important to us. Your involvement is important to us and your encouragement is important to us.

Do you know of anyone that you could walk over to and stretch out your arms in order to lift their spirits like Pee Wee Reese did? I hope that you give this some thought and I encourage you to stand behind your board and staff. Your board has met several times this past year. We had our annual winter board meeting in Columbus, a meeting in Chicago to receive a committee report, which Emily Hartmannwill discuss shortly, and we had two other conference calls prior to this convention. The only two major decisions were to list our condo office space for sale and to appoint an Antiquities Committee.

Currently the condo is rented but that is coming to an end this month. However, the realtor believes the office being empty will be easier to sell. Seth continues to stay in contact with the realtor. Monies from the potential sale of this will be handled with

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Road Recollections

~Program Director Report from Annual Meeting

Brian Schnebly

When Clark Vilter served on the Board of Directors I remember he always would make reference to doing some of his best thinking when he was out in the field on his tractor. Well, when I found out Dave wanted me to speak about the AGA's programs, I pretty much planned out in my head what I would talk about while milking at home last Saturday morning. Milking and working with cows is one of my favorite things to do and I guess when we are doing our favorite things, we relax and thoughts just come easier than they may at other times or at least that seems to be the case with me.

Anyway, I digress. I wanted to just briefly talk about the three programs I am responsible for and update you on some of the things I have been doing. First of all is the one area that encompasses a majority of my time, and that is the Appraisal Program. For the past two years AGA has been solely doing the classification for Guernsey and no other breeds. We made this switch from the joint program for several reasons; one was to try and make more herd visits, help people catch up on registrations, and do more work as a field representative in addition to the normal duties of scoring cows. The second reason was to improve the consistency of the appraisal program from farm to farm and cow to cow, both with linear and final scores. The third reason was to save on expenses in the appraisal program, and this could be done by having me do all or most of the scoring. Our initial goal was to hire another classifier to help out part time but that did not happen until just last fall when we hired and trained Jim Hammerand from Iowa. My personal opinion is that running the appraisal program this way the past two years has been very successful but has also led to some new challenges. The most satisfying aspect of what I have done the past two years is the contacts I have made with herds out there that are not as active, whether they are grade herds, registered herds that don't classify, or even herds that, for whatever reason become disgruntled in the past and chose to no longer be active within the breed. While I have not seen the income or registrations roll in from these visits like I had optimistically hoped for, I have made great strides and visits with a lot of these breeders and I still think they will lead to long term benefits for our Association. I also feel that the consistency with the classification program has never been better in my tenure than it has been in the last two years. Now it is easy for me to say this because I have been the one doing the scoring but I will also tell you that in my 12 years working as Appraisal Coordinator the one thing that I have always taken a lot of pride in is being consistent from herd to herd and cow to cow. But I do realize it is a subjective topic and there will always be differences in opinions just like showing cows. That leads me to the drawbacks of what we have done this past two years. I can appreciate breeders wanting a different opinion from time to time instead of just mine all the time. So, Jim started last November and I feel he is doing a fine job so far, but it has also made us realize that hiring someone to classify for us on a part-time basis is not very cost effective for our Association when only scoring Guernseys. In digesting all these facts, your board of directors has decided to go back into a Joint Appraisal Program beginning October 1. This will be a little different from the previous agreement. In the new agreement the Brown Swiss Association will actually be in charge of the program and AGA will pay them a certain amount per cow that they classify. In addition, the Programs Coordinator will classify for the Brown Swiss program and the AGA will be compensated for his/her time, expenses and mileage on the company vehicle.

The second area that I wanted to touch on is the young sire programs. As you are aware, the AGA has two young sire proving groups, Dairybelt Guernsey Sires and United Guernsey Genetics. These two groups work closely with the A.I companies to try and get as many bulls sampled in addition to the ones the A.I. companies buy outright. As the number of A.I. companies handling Guernsey bulls has decreased, it has become more difficult to try and sample, what we feel, is enough bulls each year. Each young sire group has occasionally sampled bulls independently without the help of an A.I. organization. The groups pay to have the bull collected and then distribute the semen via UPS, FedEx or I have delivered some in my travels. Dairybelt tries to do a bull like this at least once a year. United hasn't been quite as frequent. One thing

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1st Place Photo

Turley Scholarship Winner

The Pride of the Buckeyes

Amber Dietz - Photo Contest Winner

Marshall Overholt - Turley Scholarship Winner with presenter, Berneta Gable

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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS:

A September '11 Toro with +202CM$ and +220NM$, due the first of September. She will sell fresh from two VG dams. - Lambrecht's Guernsey Farm.

A fancy Yogibear 2-Year-Old, sells fresh and ready for the show ring. She is from a Tiller Mission dam. Second dam has over 21,700M - Lambrecht's Guernsey Farm.

Lee Riggs sends a 2-Year-Old Yogibear fresh in June from an EX-91 point Tiller. She's ready for the tanbark trail!

Ronnie Martin, Sudona Farm sends a Mr. Lux daughter due with first calf in October to Turley.

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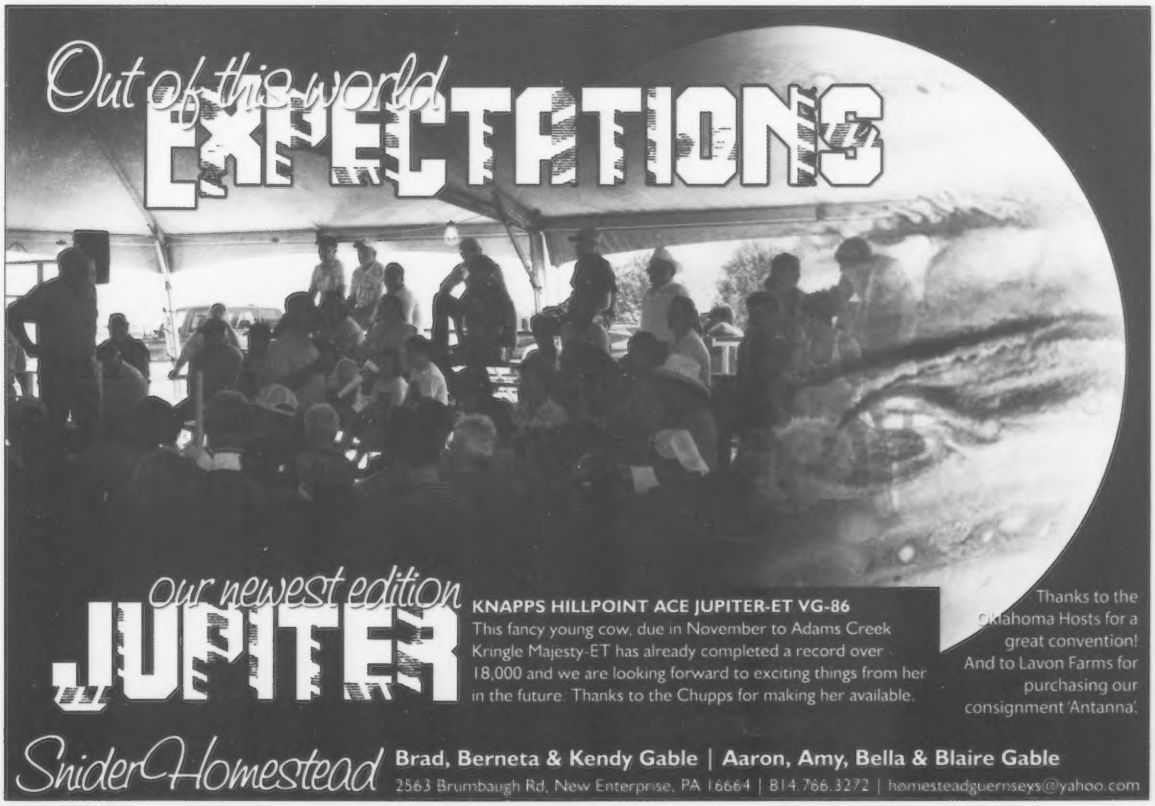


The 136th Annual Meeting

The 136th Annual Meeting of the American Guernsey Association was called to order on Monday morning, June 25th in Tulsa, Oklahoma, by AGA President Dave Trotter. He called for the reading of the Call to the Annual Meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the call which was printed in the April issue of the *Guernsey Breeders' Journal*. A motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 135th Annual Meeting, printed in the August 2012 issue of the *Guernsey Breeders' Journal*.

Alan Mann gave the report of the Proxy Committee which consists of himself, Beth Holcomb and Donna Anderson.

Executive Secretary, Seth Johnson introduced the AGA board and staff. A reading of deceased members followed with a moment of silence observed. Those noted were: Lloyd Ober, OH; Edward Pingel, WI; Robert Robinson, WA; Ola Faye Sinclear, CA; Megan Mann Riggans, NC; Joseph Axtell, NY; Ruth Houser, IN; Leslie Peckham, WI; Kathleen Orchard, WI; Howard Weisensel, WI; Harold Kringle, WI; Mary Kirchner, WI; Helen Hawker, MD; Emma Nelson, OH; J. Herbert Frantz, PA; Mary Ann Darling, VT; Mary Ann D'Ippolito, OH; CC Cochard, IN; Elaine Leise, PA; Robert Hawker, MD; Alvin Basse, WI; Oren Flohrs, MN; Clarence Smith, IA; Hartzell Branstetter, KY; Robert Schmitt, WI.

President Trotter had given his President's report in the open forum the previous day, which can be found on page 7 of this issue. Brian Schnebly then gave a report on AGA programs which can be found in his Road Recollections on page 8.

The following committee reports were then given by their various chairs:

Promotion Committee, Keith Dixon, Chair

Cheri Oechsle is working on an overhaul of the AGA website that will expand our presence and provide new avenues of providing information, links to other sites, advertising, and ability for sale transactions. This will open many new opportunities to share what successful Guernsey breeders are doing and promote the advantages of working with Guernseys and Golden Guernsey milk.

A new bi-annual Guernsey Directory will be printed this summer to be available at the National Shows, with a July 1 deadline. Tell the world about your superior cows or cow families. They will be available at all of the national shows.

Since there is limited staff time and money to provide outreach and field service and Brian will not be appraising all of our Guernsey herds after October 1, we are preparing a protocol and outline explaining the AGA programs and activities that could benefit a Guernsey farm or family. This could be used by enthusiastic AGA missionaries to reach out to new or uninformed Guernsey breeders to get involved and improve their profit potential. District Directors can develop a list of needed contacts, coordinate the visits, and define the services, info or actions needed from AGA. Directors would also need to develop a list of missionaries from the successful Guernsey breeders, recent transfers from active youth to adult status, former Directors, or retirees. If the new family has children, then it would be appropriate to send someone who is involved at the national conventions, shows, youth programs and activities. Some other farm may benefit more from someone who can help with registrations, young Guernsey sire programs, genetic recovery, or the Guernsey upgrade program. We need to enlighten the uninformed that the AGA and the Guernsey breed has much to offer, and show how these programs can benefit their farm and family!

The Show Committee recommended and the Board approved the following persons to be added to the Approved Judges List: Karen Anderson, Tim Baumgartner, Kevin Stoltzfus, Steve Searles, Jeremy Kohler, Larry Kruse and Dave Koss.

The ballots for the 2014 National Shows are:

Harrisburg: Justin Burdette, Curtis Day, Bob Griggs and Bill Wachtel.

Louisville: Brian Behnke, Dale Chupp, and Kathy Yeoman.

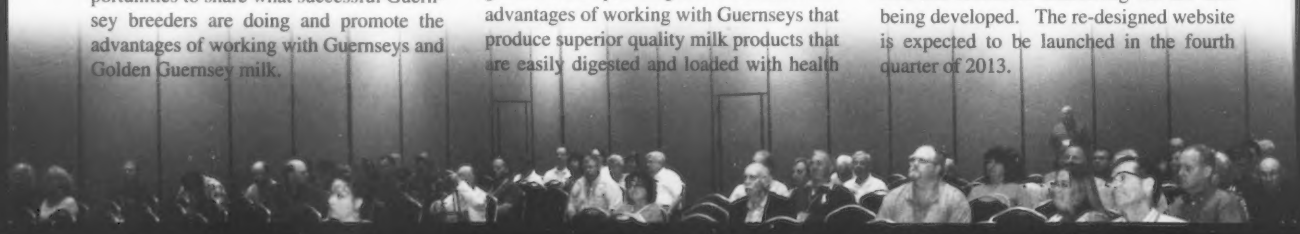
Do what you can to promote the profitable Guernsey cow and her superior products to your neighbors, AI stud reps, feed salesmen, vets, University and Extension personnel. Share your success stories with them and they might encourage someone new to try Guernseys. Can you help a youth lease or purchase a Guernsey, or provide an internship on your farm? How can you get involved spreading the word about the advantages of working with Guernseys that produce superior quality milk products that are easily digested and loaded with health benefits? Do your part and get involved!

Marketing Committee, Emily Hartmann, Chair: The marketing committee members include Donna Anderson, Keith Dixon, Duane Schuler, Beth Holcomb and Morey Miller. The committee reviewed the current health protocols for sales and while no immediate changes have been made the committee will continue to review the health requirements in the future.

Guernsey Marketing Service's managed sales for 2013 include the Buena Vista/Hershy Dispersals where 65 head averaged $1,685. GMS co-managed the Upper Midwest Spring Sale with WI GBA where 48 females averaged $1,967. Future sales scheduled for 2013 include the National Guernsey Convention Sale, which GMS will be co-managing with OK GBA, and the International Guernsey Classic at World Dairy Expo. The goal for the Guernsey Classic is to sell 10 elite live animals and a selection of choices and embryos.

GMS brokered the sale of 138 embryos to Thailand and Argentina in 2012 and 99 embryos to Argentina in 2013. Additional embryos have been marketed to Australia, Finland, and Japan. There are current opportunities to market embryos internationally. Please contact GMS staff for more information. GMS has also seen an increase in revenue through the commission received from the semen being marketed by GMS. The commission on semen sales has been increased to 15% effective immediately. Plans are to purchase an additional shipper tank to help meet the demand for semen sales and movement.

There continues to be interest in the use of the Golden Guernsey trademarks. The trademarks will be renewed later in 2013. The AGA will proceed with the renewal of three of the protected trademarks - Golden Guernsey®, Golden Guernsey® with jug, and Gurnzgold®. Additional information on herds marketing Golden Guernsey milk and Guernsey products is being developed. The plan is to provide information and links through the AGA website that will provide details on herds that are marketing Guernsey products, and how to contact those individuals and businesses. Links to information and resources addressing A2 are also being developed. The re-designed website is expected to be launched in the fourth quarter of 2013.



Records Committee,
Alan Mann, Chair:
The committee approved seven annual memberships and nine lifetime memberships to be added to the record.

An agreement with the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association was approved for a combined appraisal program to begin October 1, 2013. An appraisal feedback survey will be included to help monitor the program. A $100 minimum will be instituted to cover the costs associated with stopping to score small herds. Linear scores for Guernsey cows will use the current system.

Registrations through May were up over 200 compared to the same time in 2012.
No changes to the TPE package were made. Fees and services will remain the same.

Finance Committee
Duane Schuler, Chair:
Finance Committee Chair, Duane Schuler, Platteville, WI, gave the following report to the membership.
The finance committee members include Morey Miller, Leon Zweegman, Dave Trotter and Alan Mann.

In 2012, we had a net income of $23,906, down from $64,201 in 2011. On the balance sheet Accounts Receivable was $154,063 which was down $26,114 from the previous year. Income for 2012 was $1,141,514. Expenses were $1,117,608. We are current with all vendors.

TPE & Appraisal income was down with registrations, transfers, and other records income up from 2011.

Guernsey Marketing revenue was down. 2011 income was $832,635 and $541,033 for 2012. Key factors that increased profit are semen and embryo sales.
Bull syndicate liability is $22,051. Syndicate payments can be transferred to the AGA Transportation Fund by contacting Seth or Brian. The Transportation Fund has a balance of $10,624.

Appraisal Program expenses in the amount of $20,585 are up slightly ($3,233) due to outside hires at the end of 2012.
The above figures are a combination of AGA, Purebred Publishing, and Guernsey Marketing. Purebred Publishing helps balance the bottom line so continue to support the Journal with your subscription and advertising.

Guernsey Foundation,
Blaine Crosser
New activity in the Foundation was minimal in 2012 with only $65 of contributions and no new projects funded. Income exceeded $22,400 from interest, dividends and gains on mutual funds while expenses were at $17,500 from project funding for type appraisal and genomics research, advertising and management fees. The current total assets for the Foundation at the end of 2012 are $325,253 and have increased so far in 2013 due to good returns by our mutual funds.

The Foundation holds a $15,000 note with the AGA issued in September 1999 that was to expire in December 2008. The loan was extended with $6,837 still owed.

The trustees are considering a research project involving a haplotype study using DNA testing. Via genomic testing in other breeds, USDA identified five genetic haplotypes which impact fertility through early embryonic death causing significant negative economic impact. USDA has advised us that the presence of similar haplotype(s) in the Guernsey breed could be determined with 1000 genotypes using the low density chip. If our breed does have one or more haplotypes that reduces reproductive performance, we could select against the haplotype by using only sires and bull dams that are free of the haplotype. A final decision will be made at the World Guernsey Conference in two weeks after hearing an update and discussion on the future of genomics in the Guernsey breed.

Submitted by Blaine Crosser, John Mozier and Clark Vilter, Trustees
Footnote: During the World Guernsey Conference, the trustees met and committed up to $20,000 for funding of the haplotype project to cover the cost of genotype testing for approximately 500 Guernsey females sired by A.I. bulls.

Purebred Publishing, Inc
P. Morey Miller, Chair:
Good Morning, I am Morey Miller, president of Purebred Publishing. Keith Dixon is our Vice President and those board members serving over a year are part of our committee.

I would like to introduce the nuts and bolts of our organization, the staff. Cheri Oechsle, lead editor for our four breed magazines, *Ayrshire Digest, Brown Swiss Bulletin, Guernsey Breeders' Journal and Milking Shorthorn Journal*. She is in charge of GBJ subscriptions, strategic planning and online presence. Next is Lindsey Rucks who is in charge of ad sales and proof reading. Ashley Shaffer, who is not here, is our Graphic Designer and last but not least is Seth Johnson who is in charge of financial oversight, staff oversight and proof reading. Purebred Publishing has never had a mission statement and now that we have a website it behooves us to have one to let people know who we are. It reads: The mission of Purebred Publishing is to provide the tools for dairy and animal organizations and breeders to effectively, efficiently and economically promote and communicate their products and services to a world-wide marketplace.

Since the staff works as a team, some goals have been set for the next 12-24 months. They include: Increasing page counts 5-10 pages per issue per publication; Increase contract advertisers by a total of 5 per year per publication; Increase online and print subscriptions and marketing avenues; Adding new dairy publications to the Purebred porfolio.
The finances of Purebred Publishing remain strong in a positive direction, although our profit margin was slightly lower than 2011. In 2012 our profit margin was 7% of total income while in 2011 it was 15%. Some key factors influencing that were: 6% drop in ad revenues; 20% increase in printing costs; $6000 increase in staff travel, reflecting our efforts to get Lindsey to more events to make ad sales.

2013 is rebounding that profit percent, as of June 13 we are at 16%. Key factors are: 8% increase in ad sales revenue, although Ayrshire Digest and Milking Shorthorn has dropped.; 3% drop in payroll expense; 13% drop in administrative costs; only 8% increase in printing costs.

Our staff team is working hard this year to keep our numbers looking good although there is work to be done. Our over 90 day accounts receivables are less than 2013, they are still high. Our credit card system needs to function better, although we are still allowing check payments for those accounts with a good credit history. The good news is our accounts payable over 90 days is zero.

Our Purebred Publishing website and Facebook page have been set up and will be informative sites. The AGA board has approved an AGA website which will be used for ads and breeder sites and will be limited to AGA only.

Other projects the staff is working on: Under Cheri's direction, Purebred Publishing began a partnership with a web development company. PP will sell websites and

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design the artwork for the site and the partnering company will design and host the site; Staff is actively pursuing other dairy breed magazines; The staff is making proposals to run other All-American contests and to facilitate subscriptions with other breed magazines.

Our staff is in high gear and you will be hearing from them. We do appreciate your business and with the assistance of all breed organizations passing on their information we will continue to strive to print the highest qulity magazines and ship to our subscribers on time.

Following the committee reports, Seth Johnson presented his Executive Secretary's Report which can be found on page 6.

AGA Board Elections

President Trotter next introduced the candidates running for positions on the AGA Board. Election results were presented by Betsy Foote, Chair of the Election Committee which also comprised, Kurt Peterson and Pam Arnold. The results for District 1, with 58 votes cast, David Trotter was re-elected from Pennsylvania. District 6, with 16 votes cast, E. Cline Brubaker from Virginia was elected. Chris Lang, of Ohio was elected as Director At Large to the AGA Board with 206 total votes cast.

Resolutions

Kevin Stoltzfus then presented the Resolutions to the membership from the committee of Tom Ripley, Dennis Tyrrell and Kevin Stoltzfus, Chair. These resolutions were approved as read:

Resolution I

Whereas, the members of the Oklahoma Guernsey Breeders Association have been most gracious and hospitable hosts during this convention and the 136th annual meeting of the American Guernsey Association; therefore, be it resolved that the membership and friends of the AGA assembled at this meeting do hereby extend their thanks and appreciation to our hosts for their diligent efforts in organization, accomodations and friendship.

Resolution II

Whereas the staff of the AGA and Purebred Publishing has functioned in a professional manner and has served the Guernsey Breeders to the best of their ability; therefore, be it resolved that the membership thank the staff for their hard work and dedication, and challenge and encourage them to continue to work with the Board of Directors and breeders for the future success of the breed.

Resolution III

Whereas members of the Board of Directors of the AGA have taken time away from their home farms and businesses to serve the interests and concerns of all Guernsey breeders; therefore, be it resolved that we thank them with appreciation.

Resolution IV

Whereas Leon Zweegman has provided leadership to the AGA by serving as Director At-Large for eight years and President for one of those years and whereas Keith Dixon has provided leadership to the AGA by serving as Director of District 6 for eight years; therefore, be it resolved that the entire membership of the AGA commend Mr. Zweegman and Mr. Dixon for their leadership, dedication, and service for the betterment of the Guernsey breed.

Resolution V

Whereas Dave Trotter has provided leadership to the AGA by serving as Director of District 1 for four years and as President for the past two years; therefore, be it resolved that the entire membership of the AGA commend Mr. Trotter for his leadership, dedication and service for the betterment of the Guernsey breed.

Resolution VI

Whereas reproductive efficiency and inbreeding are major challenges facing the Guernsey breed today; therefore be it resolved that we as members make daughter pregnancy rate information a priority when making breeding decisions and encourage the young sire directors to select bulls with strong reproduction, longevity and a lower inbreeding coefficients.

Resolution VII

Whereas the American Guernsey Association and its members recognize that Johnes disease continues to be a challenge and concern within the dairy industry; therefore, be it resolved that we encourage all breeders to take proper management steps to identify the disease and then continue to aggressively help control and prevent the spread of Johnes disease.

Resolution VIII

Whereas the younger generation of Guernsey breeders are the future of our breed and the pride of our organization; therefore, be it resolved that the membership of AGA continue to support and encourage the AGYA, all its members and their various activities throughout the year.

Resolution IX

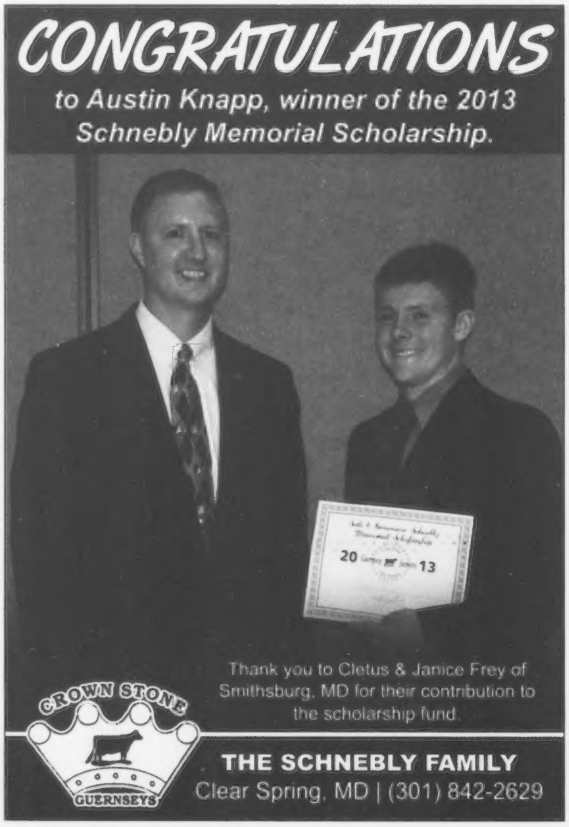
Whereas demand for Golden Guernsey Milk Products seems to be on the rise; therefore, be it resolved that the AGA membership continue to support and encourage more Guernsey breeders to explore niche marketing opportunities and take advantage of our premium product.

Resolution X

Whereas young sire usage is very important for advancing Guernsey genetics; therefore be it resolved that AGA along with Dairybelt Guernsey Sires and United Guernsey Genetics make lists of young sires more readily available in both the journal and on the website that might provide more information and increase usage of young bulls.

Resolution XI

Whereas joint ventures with other breeds are being discussed for providing various services; therefore be it resolved that the



membership support the efforts of the AGA Board of Directors and encourage them to continue making decisions that will ensure financial stability of this Association.

Resolution XII

Whereas the Royal Agriculture and Horticulture Society of the Isle of Guernsey is hosting the World Guernsey Cattle Federation Conference; therefore, be it resolved that the AGA offer our thanks and best wishes for the upcoming conference.

The National Dairy Shrine Report was presented by Bonnie Ayars who discussed the various activities, awards and benefits of membership through the Dairy Shrine.

After a call for Old and New Business by President Trotter, and none brought forth, the 136th Annual Meeting was adjourned.

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modity market, should be a goal of our association. There is a difference in Guernsey milk and consumers can and will pay for it.

Improving reproductive efficiency in the breed is on the top of the priority list for those that wish to see the breed expand and prosper. We have begun to address this from a genetic standpoint and now have some reasonable options from which to breed DPR improvers. We need to continue to keep these traits front and center in our breeding programs and continue to explore other ways that we can improve reproduction in the breed.

Genetic diversity is an area that needs constant attention. There are opportunities to keep the gene pool diverse with quality genetics. However, in a breed our size, it is easy to concentrate on a few of the most elite bulls. Before we know it, we have narrowed the gene pool significantly. When making matings on elite cows and heifers, think about how you can contribute to diversity. If everyone has a son of the breed's "new hot bull", where will diversity come from a generation from now? If you milk a full herd of Guernseys, include some of the outcross bulls in your mating plans.

We've had several new committees formed in the last year – Financial Advisory, By-Laws and Antiquities. Each of these committees has met and worked hard to understand and review their areas of interest. Each has also provided some real areas of concern for the board to review. Their activity has also provided some rumors and "scuttlebutt" that have caused concern and more questions from our membership and perhaps even some contentious moments for our staff and board. Let's remember as we go forward that we are all on the same team. Nobody agrees to spend their time and money to serve on a committee because they want to cause trouble for this association. I know that and your board knows that. We agree to help and serve because we truly have the best interests of the AGA at heart and we all want to see the AGA and this cow succeed.

I heard someone say once that there is no such thing as "not having time" to do something. What we really mean when we say that is that we have chosen to use a portion of our 24 hours in each day to do something else. I hate to do it, but I am going to quote John Ayars as I close. He said earlier this week that "we all have places to be and things to do, but we've chosen to be here." That says something to me. You have chosen to be here at this convention because you value something about this organization. You have spent your money and used your time to be here with us to talk about and celebrate the Guernsey cows and to plan for the future of the association that supports and promotes her. For that commitment, I thank you.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve the members of this great organization.

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National ConventionAward Winners

Pictured L-R) Wisconsin Exec. Sec. Deb Lakey headed a fundraising campaign to award a clock to the National Outstanding Young Farmer in honor of Les Peckham; Victoria & Michael Baker, 2012 Queen Kami Schuler

The Awards Breakfast on Sunday morning of Convention in Tulsa was a special time for many Guernsey breeders as they gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of cows and members nationwide.

National Outstanding Young Farmer

Victoria Baker of Scottdale, Pennsylvania, is the 2013 National Outstanding Young Guernsey Farmer.

Baker and her husband, Michael, began dairying in Scottdale in 2006 with a herd of cows Baker had developed while living on her parents' farm, and also working full-time for Pfizer Animal Health. They rent the dairy facility and an additional 300 acres. In 2008, they were able to purchase a 70-acre farm that provides housing for dry cows and bred heifers.

Baker grew up on a dairy farm in Scottdale where her family milked every breed of dairy cow. She was drawn to the Guernsey breed through her extensive participation in Pennsylvania and National Guernsey youth programs. She was a National Outstanding Guernsey Youth and served as the National Guernsey Princess. She is a 2000 graduate of Penn State University.

Baker is a Fayette County 4-H leader, a past director of the Penn State Dairyman's Club and the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association and serves as a Dairy Quiz Bowl coach. She developed a benefit auction for Fayette County 4-H youth that has raised over $60,000 in six years and awarded 35 scholarships. Baker has been recognized by her employer with the Pfizer Animal Health Two Boots Award for going above and beyond expectations and was a member of the Pfizer Animal Health President's Circle in 2005, 2006 and 2011. She received the Zoetis Outstanding Contribution Award in 2012.

Baker is using several avenues to increase the size of her Guernsey herd. She is using Guernsey sires on grade Holstein cows and enrolling the offspring in the AGA's Genetic Recovery Program. Baker is also using IVF and embryo transfer on her best cows. In 2012 she flushed 7 Registered Guernseys. The first 4 IVF heifers were born on the farm in 2012. Embryos were exported to Thailand and Argentina. Key purchases of genetically elite heifers were also made in 2012.

Although Baker's work as Senior Territory Business Manager for Zoetis (formerly Pfizer Animal Health) keeps her on the road often, she has a trusted team of employees that handle daily chores. Michael is in charge of crops and nutrient management. A calving interval of 13.1 months has allowed the farm to merchandise excess heifers. The herd's low SCC has earned them recognition from DHIA and their milk processor.

Through her work with Zoetis, Baker has had the opportunity to interact and learn from many forward-thinkers in the industry. "This has helped us to try new things and to implement protocols that keep things going while I am away," she notes. "All of this is especially important when we do our business planning. Although we love to dairy, we do not dairy because it's a way of life. Our dairy is our business. It allows us to raise our son with an excellent work ethic, yet provide a living."

The Baker's 5-year plan includes milking cows in their own facility to maximize cow comfort. "Although we had previously discussed expansion, our emphasis is on developing a herd of A2 cows that will allow us to market our own dairy products to a niche market. We will continue to grow our Guernsey herd with IVF, sexed semen, and crossbreeding," states Baker. "I hope to develop a Guernsey cow that will not only fit a niche market, but whose characteristics will be sought after by consumers."

"Our goal is to provide a good place to work, to be good stewards of the land and to develop a dairy business that produces high quality milk for consumers and genetics for our industry," states Victoria.

Stuart Plucker of Chancellor, South Dakota, is the 2013 National Outstanding Young Farmer Runner-Up.

The Plucker Farm operation started in 2001 when the couple built a 22-stall tie-stall barn and purchased 10 Guernsey bred heifers. Stuart and his wife, Brenda, now milk 60 Guernsey and Jersey cows in a new barn with a Lely Robot, which was installed in 2010, the first robotic milker in South Dakota. Stuart farms 500 acres with his father and brother and also works at a local feedlot/heifer grower. He says he values the temperament and the high components the Guernseys bring to their operation.

The Pluckers have shown the Grand Champion Guernsey at the South Dakota State Fair 7 of the last 11 years. A Banger daughter in the herd received recognition in 2005 in the Max Dawdy Young Sire awards. The highest profile member of the herd in recent years has been a Challenge daughter from Lang Haven Tiller Nirvana that was Nom. All-American as a calf and is on the CPI list. The Pluckers are working to control feed costs by intensively managing their pastures for grazing the milking herd. They have flushed several cows in recent years and have been using some polled genetics on the herd with an eye towards future demand for polled cattle.

Master Breeder

The 2013 American Guernsey Association Master Breeder is Gary Van Doorn of Flambeau Manor in Tony, Wisconsin. Gary and his family milk a herd of Registered Guernseys and Jerseys and a few others in north-central Wisconsin. Although the most widely-known product of their breeding program is the popular udder improver Flambeau Manor Tiller Les-ET, their most impressive accomplishment is a great herd of cows that posess all the attributes of great Guernsey cows. Gary will rarely mention how much milk a cow has produced. A cow's success in the herd is measured by her ability to make 1,000 pounds of fat. This focus on high components has delivered

The 2013 Master Breeder Recipeint, Gary Van Doorn and his wifer Diane

2013 Distinguished Service Award winner, Arnold Knight and his wife Joan

some elite genetics to the breed. The dam of the current #1 CPI cow in the breed, Coulee Crest Nick Lorilyn, EX-91, was bred by the Van Doorns. Lorilyn and her Decision dam make up the breed's first 40,000M daughter/dam pair. This cow family has produced many young sires for the breed that are now making their way through sampling programs – from Coulee Crest and Flambeau Manor. Lorilyn's dam is a sister to Tiller Les-ET. Flambeau Manor also bred the granddam of two-time Madison Junior Champion Coulee Crest Chall Jeanie-ET, and have bred Jr. All-American nominees.

Flambeau Manor has bred 76 Gold Star Cows. The farm has bred 2 different cows that have exceeded 42,000M and ten more that have exceeded 30,000M. Two cows have exceeded 2,100F and ten more have over 1,400F. Nine different cows with the Flambeau Manor prefix have made 11 records over 1,000P. Gary Van Doorn has bred 46 Excellent cows. AGA records show six scored EX-92 and 14 scored EX-91.

Kurt Peterson of Coulee Crest Guernseys had this to say about Gary Van Doorn: "Gary's diligent and consistent breeding program has made Flambeau Manor one of the best Guernsey herds in the nation. Flambeau Manor is consistently near the top of the list for CPI herds. However, Gary doesn't breed for numbers, his focus is on selecting the best possible mating for each cow. Gary believes in using the bulls he knows will work in the herd rather than the next "hot" bull. Gary's cows are honest, hard-working cows that have the type that any Guernsey breeder in the country would enjoy working with. It was very evident to me from the start that this was a herd to buy from. Currently, my two most prominent cow families, the "Lorilyn" and "Jewel" cow families, both originate from Flambeau Manor breeding."

Blaine Crosser of Select Sires offered these comments: "The Flambeau Manor herd has always been one of my favorite stops in Wisconsin in search of potential bull mothers and to see the development of the next generations from the matriarch of the herd, Flambeau Manor Enhancer Lana, EX-92. Her positive influence is being documented throughout the breeding in the US and around the globe. A mark of a true breeder is for his cows to perform for others at even higher levels than at home. This has certainly happened for Gary Van Doorn with the performance of Flambeau Manor Decision Lori-ET and her daughter Lorilyn. Gary recognized years ago that embryo transfer was the tool to get more offspring, especially females, from your best cows to make faster herd improvement. Rather than selling females, Gary often offered embryo packages in sales to provide breeders with the opportunity to add Flambeau Manor genetics to their herds. Gary knows which cows are his best ones and that he thinks should be bull mother candidates. With his integrity and attention to detail, he is only interested in selling a bull that he would use with confidence in his own herd."

Distinguished Service Award

Don Peterson of Cashton, Wisconsin, stepped up to the podium to present the Distinguished Service Award to a long-time service-oriented enthusiast and supporter of the Guernsey breed. Arnold J. Knight.

Knight, of Markesan, Wisconsin, spent six months in the U.S. Army upon graduating from high school. While away in service, a neighbor's farm came up for sale and the decision was made to buy it and become a dairyman. In 1958 Arnie and Joan were married and they purchased his father's 18 grade Guernsey cows and 6 Guernsey heifers. Purchasing Registered Guernsey cattle expanded the herd.

Arnie and Joan bred and developed a well-respected herd of over 70 Registered Guernsey cows and heifers until dispersing the herd to become Executive Secretary of the Wisconsin Guernsey Breeders Association. He continued to own a few Guernseys in partnership with other breeders so he could stay an active voting member of the AGA.

Arnie traveled the state as Executive Secretary visiting Guernsey herds, organizing the annual meeting, six parish shows, the Wisconsin state show and helped at the Wisconsin State Fair and World Dairy Expo. He also made sure the Wisconsin Guernsey Princess arrived at each event. He attended 24 county Guernsey meetings, twilight meetings and many other Guernsey events. He and Joan clerked herd dispersals, Wisconsin Convention calf sale and the annual Great Northern Classic, which evolved into the annual Midwest Spring Sale.

As a "field man" for the Guernsey Breed, Arnie touched the lives of so many people with his amazing public relation skills that resulted in good things at the American Guernsey Association. Having full knowledge of AGA's numerous programs available, he could rapidly make recommendations to members and nonmembers how to improve the breed and increase breeder success. Also Arnie Knight always seized every opportunity to assist our youth, both current and new members as he was well aware they provide the important Guernsey future.

Arnie Knight became involved with component pricing and putting a true dollar value on protein, which Guernseys excel in. He logged countless hours and miles traveled to seek out cheese plant owners and managers, providing to them the increased yields of Guernsey milk over average intake milk. This effort was successful and caused the creation of a new Wisconsin-based dairy cooperative. Tri-State Milk Cooperative served hundreds of Guernsey

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breeders across seven states.

He served as director of Purebred Dairy Cattle Association and World Dairy Expo, also serving as Expo assistant Guernsey cattle superintendent. He judged several county fairs, parish shows and national FFA dairy competitions.

After 13 years with Wisconsin GBA, Arnie decided to travel in smaller circles and left WGBA to become a real estate agent, specializing in rural properties. This has kept him busy for the last 21 years.

Unable to attend the convention, Arnie sent this message: "It is with deep appreciation that I accept the Distinguished Service Award. The Guernsey breed has been a very important part of my life. I spent 20 years milking Guernseys – the most gentle cows there are, and they were producing a superior milk product that I was very proud of. During the years I spent working for WGBA and the representatives of the AGA, I learned that the people who work with Guernseys are the very best people in the world. Though retired now, my heart will always be with the Guernsey cow and her keepers. Thank you very much."

High Milk Herd Average for 2012

The high herd for milk this year is Gurn-Z Meadow Farm, the Orchard family of Janesville, Wisconsin. Their winning lactation average with 20 completed records was 23,028M 948F 751P. Bill and Kathi Orchard started Gurn-Z Meadow Farm together in 1971 and their three daughters, Julie, Kristi and Jennifer are seventh generation dairy farmers that have a passion for the Guernsey breed. All three have jobs off the farm, but stay very involved with the Guernsey herd.

In the summer of 2012 Julie and her husband, Edmund, purchased his family's herd of Holsteins and they started construction in Columbus, Wisconsin, on a Lely T4C robotic milking system and freestall barn. On November 28 the Holstein and Guernsey cows were transitioned to the new dairy. The goals of the facility are to maximize production, herd health and cow comfort. The Guernseys are housed together with the first lactation Holsteins and both breeds are treated equally. The Guernseys have transitioned exceptionally well to the robotic dairy, with some cows even trying to exceed their six-time-a-day milking limit.

As soon as a heifer calf is born she is moved to the Janesville farm where Bill raises the heifers until they are three months out from calving. Calves are housed in individual hutches until they are weaned when they are then moved to the heifer facility.

The Orchard family credits three foundation cows for helping them establish the base of their herd. Gurn Z Meadow Char Calypso EX-91, a Laeschland Smokin Billy Jo daughter, who was Nominated All-American and completed 20,000M as a 7 year-old. Gurn Z Meadow PK Prayer EX-91, a Protein King daughter, with 24,500M 1,250F 850P and Gurn Z Meadow Tropic Moonbeam, EX-92, a Knapps Mr America-ET daughter that was nominated All-American two times and has a top record of 29,000M. All three have numerous family members making an impact on the herd today.

High Fat and Protein Herd Average for 2012

Commercial Herd Award

Queen Schuler presents the Nyala-Bedford Trophy, Commerical Herd and high Fat & Protein Herd Avg. for 2012 to Jason Yurs, Manager of Hoard's Dairyman Farm

This year we have the unique distinction of combining a few awards. The high overall TPE herd average for butterfat and protein goes to one of the largest Guernsey herds in the nation, Hoard's Dairyman Farm of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. They are also the recipient of the Commercial Herd Award. The Commercial Herd Award recognizes the top herd in the nation for Energy Corrected Milk. The herd must complete over 50 lactations during the year. Hoard's Dairyman Farm completed 140 records in 2012 for an average of 22,624M 4.7% 1,067F 3.4% 770P for an energy corrected total of 25,409M. In addition to winning the overall herd for fat and protein, they finished second for milk.

Hoard's Dairyman Farm is owned by the Knox Family and the dairy herd is managed by Jason Yurs, the 2008 recipient of the National Outstanding Young Guernsey Farmer award. For many years, Hoard's Dairyman Farm has been a huge asset to the Guernsey breed through their promotion of the breed and exposure Guernseys receive through all the various tours, seminars, and other events hosted by the farm, not to mention the exposure the breed receives through the Hoard's Dairyman magazine in homes throughout the world.

Currently, the farm is home to roughly 250 milking Guernseys. Since the expansion of the herd in 2006, the production has seen a steady climb to its current level on three-times-a-day milking. One of the factors Jason credits for this climb is a focus on calving heifers at a young age. The average age at first calving in the herd is 23.2 months, with many of the heifers calving at 1-08 and 1-09. When breeding heifers, they focus on breeding at a certain weight and not necessarily by their birth date. Heifers have calved as young as 1-06 and 1-07 and the herd managers don't like it when the heifers have not calved by 2-02.

Some of the accolades the herd has garnered this year are having 40 cows on the Component Queen list. They rank 18th on the Top 30 CPI herds in the country and they have 3 different cows that made the Top Ten Living Lifetime lists for milk, fat and protein.

In addition to congratulating Hoard's Dairyman Farm on these outstanding achievements, The American Guernsey Association would also like to thank them for their constant promotion of the Guernsey cow.

Liebers Trophy, Valley Set Award and Arnold Knight Trophy

Three awards are given annually to the cow with the highest lifetime milk, fat and protein production. The Leibers trophy is given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Leibers of Nebraska and goes to the cow with the highest lifetime milk production. The Valley Set Award was established in 1986 by Ron Wenger and Family to recognize the highest lifetime fat production. It wasn't until 1992 that the Arnold Knight Trophy was established by the Wisconsin GBA to honor the cow with the highest lifetime protein production. In order to be eligible for these awards the cow must have been DHI tested at least once during 2012. Walnut Ridge Magic Cher, EX-92, has amassed breed-record totals for lifetime milk, butterfat and protein production with 321,870M 5.2% 16,599F 3.4% 10,924P and she is the winner of these awards for the fifth consecutive year. Cher was born on New Year's Eve in 1995 and is bred and owned by Walnut Ridge Farm of Middletown, Maryland. Sired by Nells Glow Admiral Magic, Cher is out of a VG-84 Frank daughter with a top record over 1,000F. Cher has only one milking daughter thus far, sired by a Mentor son, and she is classified VG-82. IVF flush work on Cher has resulted in a Yogibear heifer born last December and a Kringle son, Walnut Ridge Kringle Classic, who is currently being collected and marketed through Idle Neer Sires. Cher makes her home at Walnut Ridge Farm where they are

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She has an 83 point 2-Year-Old with 21,090M 957F 718P. The next dam is 91 points with records to 24,910M 1185F 876P and over 120,000M lifetime.

Golden State Breeders

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currently milking 55 Registered Guernseys that are milked twice a day and fed a TMR. The 2012 lactation average is 17,519M 957F and 607P, ranking them 6th in the country for fat. Three cows in the herd this year earned Component Queen recognition.

One of the recent highlights on the farm was having the Grand Champion last fall at the All-American Dairy Show with Walnut Ridge Russ Nope R. It is truly a family operation with three generations represented on the farm and the fourth generation now beginning to show at fairs. Douglas and Evelyn Hawker are the owners of the farm. Their daughter, Pam Moser, serves as the herd manager and she receives a lot of help from her son, daughters and many nieces and nephews.

New England Trophy

Kurt Peterson of Coulee Crest took home the New England Trophy.

The New England Trophy is awarded to the cow completing the highest 305D actual record for milk. The winner this year is Coulee Crest Nick Lorilyn, VG-89. Lorilyn completed a record at 3-05 of 36,210M 1,900F and 1,084P on three times a day milking. She is the current #1 CPI cow in the breed and is a second generation winner of the New England Trophy. Her dam, Flambeau Manor Decision Lori, EX-90, was last year's recipient. Lorilyn is bred and owned by Coulee Crest LLC, Kurt & Scot Peterson, of Cashton, Wisconsin. The Petersons have extensively flushed both Lorilyn and Lori which has resulted in numerous heifer calves, several of which have commanded top dollar at various consignment sales this spring. Lorilyn's oldest daughter, Lorilee, sired by American Pie, is the current #3 CPI cow in the breed and is fresh with her second calf. This is the same maternal family that produced the great udder bull, Flambeau Manor Tiller Les-ET and now the next generation of sires have begun being sampled. Lorilyn has a Blue Spruce son (Lakoda) at Accelerated, and a Grumpy son (Legend) at Select Sires. Lorilee has a Conqueror son named Logo that will be available soon from Genex. These three bulls provide several opportunities to tap into the outstanding production from this family.

California Protein Award (Tie)

The California Protein Award is earned by the cow with the highest 305D protein record. It is sponsored by the California Guernsey Cattle Club. This year we have a tie for the award. The first recipient is Ripley Farms Nash Coni Shey, VG-88, bred by Ripley Farms of Cortland, New York, and owned by Kyle Bonavita of Meshoppen, Pennsylvania. Kyle purchased Coni Shey from Mike Weimer of Pennsylvania as a two-year-old in the National Convention Sale in 2010 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The Weimers had purchased her as a calf in the International Guernsey Classic at World Dairy Expo. As a three-year-old Coni Shey completed a record of 3-07 305D 30,780M 4.5% 1,377F 3.5% 1,087P. Sired by Lang Haven Tiller Nash-ET, she is an own daughter of the prolific Conny G cow from Ripley Farms. In addition to her production credentials, Coni Shey was Nominated Jr. All-American Winter Yearling in 2009 and was the 4th Place Sr. 3-Year-Old at Harrisburg in 2011.

Tarbell Trophy and California Protein Award (Tie)

The other cow tied for the California Protein Award is also the recipient of the Tarbell Trophy. The Tarbell Trophy recognizes the highest 305D fat record each year. It was established in 1948 in memory of Gage Tarbell, the founder of Tarbell Guernsey Farm, Smithville Flats, New York. Zirkmeads Cinfull was bred by Paul Zirk of Elroy, Wisconsin, and owned by Jessica Eilers Sparks of Scotch Grove, Iowa. Cinfull is a Nedrow Farms Goliath Legacy daughter and her winning record is 5-10 305D 34,120M 1,991F 1,087P. In her lifetime she has completed four lactations with at least 25,000 pounds of milk to amass lifetime totals to date of over 142,000M 6,400F 4,670P. She has a Yogibear daughter that classified VG-85 and completed 19,000M as a two-year-old.

Nyala-Bedford Trophy

The Nyala-Bedford Trophy is presented in memory of F.T. Bedford, founder of Nyala Farm, Green Farm, Connecticut. It is now awarded to the cow completing the highest energy corrected record in her first lactation. This year's winner is Dairyman Lewis Room, bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. Room completed her first lactation record

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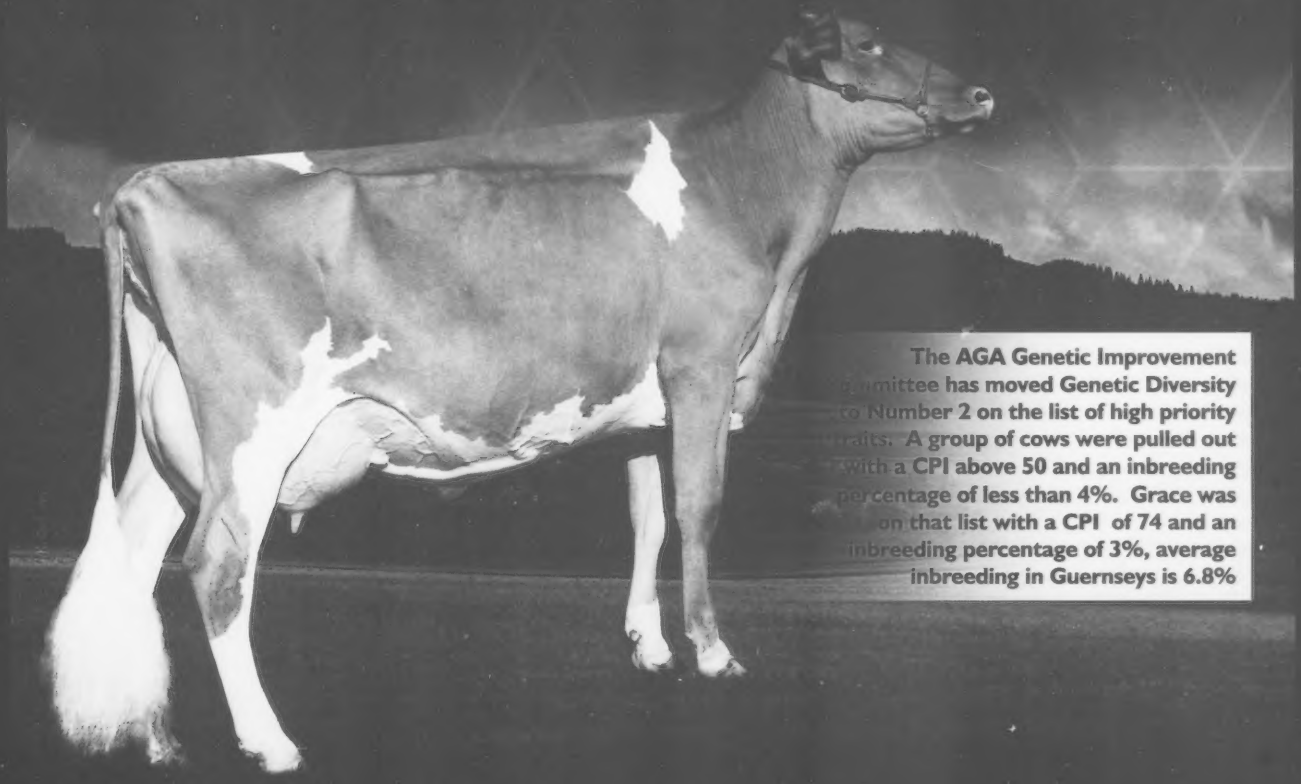
Gold Star Breeder Awards: (L-R) Austin Knapp, Jaci, Randy & Kelly Jo Peterson, Kurt Peterson, Brandon & Kim Grewe, Jason Yurs. Below: Dan & Tom Ripley

								Homebred	Young Sires	Avg Score	# Times
Double Gold Star Breeder											
ZWEEGMAN LEON D	Lynden, WA	39	18,259	4.81%	874	3.42%	622	90%	31%	83.7	38
HOARDS DAIRYMAN FARM	Ft. Atkinson, WI	140	22,624	4.74%	1,067	3.41%	770	80%	32%	81.8	26
KNAPP D RANDY	Epworth, IA	34	21,407	4.87%	1,037	3.24%	691	94%	21%	88.4	19
ORCHARD WILLIAM R	Janesville, WI	20	23,028	4.17%	948	3.27%	751	100%	20%	83.2	10*
WALNUT RIDGE FARM	Middletown, MD	35	17,519	5.46%	957	3.46%	607	91%	29%	82.9	10
CHURCH CRAIG J & NATHAN J	Cresco, IA	72	18,920	4.38%	819	3.27%	616	93%	26%	82.6	6
COULEE CREST LLC	Cashton, WI	52	21,652	4.84%	1,035	3.27%	701	96%	41%	80.4	5
FARIA FRANK & PATTI	Escalon, CA	16	20,599	4.56%	939	3.45%	711	87%	56%	86.3	3
COZY NOOK FARM	Waukesha, WI	10	20,114	4.61%	913	3.50%	699	90%	40%	84.2	3
RIPLEY ROLAND	Cortland, NY	96	19,056	4.40%	829	3.23%	613	86%	22%	83.3	2
JENSEN TRENT	Amery, WI	75	19,138	4.61%	872	3.38%	642	81%	67%	81.5	1
Gold Star Breeder											
NELSON DENNIS E	Hilmar, CA	33	19,012	4.72%	894	3.44%	652	91%	18%	80	29
BRANSTETTER ROY FOWLER	Edmonton, KY	16	19,162	3.96%	756	3.19%	609	73%	7%	87.6	1
VALLEY GEM FARMS	Cumberland, WI	30	17,266	5.08%	874	3.28%	565	77%	17%	82.4	1
Double Gold Star Herd											
PETERSON RANDY L & KELLY JO	Wilson, WI	16	20,973	4.30%	896	3.28%	677	44%	38%	86.5	7
CLARK WESLEY R	Viola, WI	14	22,364	4.39%	984	3.16%	708	57%	50%	80	7
EILERS DONALD & GLENDA & FAMILY	Scotch Grove, IA	11	20,118	5.17%	1,045	3.26%	653	64%	45%	81.8	3

Genetic Diversity

Amazing Grace has got it, with a lot more!



The AGA Genetic Improvement Committee has moved Genetic Diversity to Number 2 on the list of high priority traits. A group of cows were pulled out with a CPI above 50 and an inbreeding percentage of less than 4%. Grace was on that list with a CPI of 74 and an inbreeding percentage of 3%, average inbreeding in Guernseys is 6.8%

FOUR WINDS AMAZING GRACE

With a lot more:

Type - VG-89 at 2y6mo. She was HM All-American 2012 after placing 2nd at NGS-Harrisburg and NGS-Madison.

Production - +625 in milk with a YDEV +5888 | 2-04 365D 28,634M 3.7% 1068F 3.0% 873P

Pedigree - 4 Generations of Excellents with high production.
Dam EX-92: 26,370M 4.5% 1115F 3.2% 827P | 2nd Dam EX-92: 22,700M 3.9% 894F 2.9% 668P
Both have 93 point udders and her fourth dam is EX95 with over 40,000M.
Sire: Four Winds Frank O American a +.9DPR son of Frank, FOA produced high scoring cows at Four Winds who were brood cows.

Amazing Grace is due this summer to American Pie. If a bull, he will be sampled and will have +DPR - in addition to all the above.

Thank you Oklahoma for a great convention!

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National Convention Sale

The 2nd high seller in the National Convention Sale was Sniders Adacka Delcie at $19,500. (l-R) Stanley, Cindy & Daniel Chupp, consignors; Robert Yeoman, sales staff; Bob Griggs, consignor; Clarise & RogerBastert, buyers; Tyler, Justin, Maria & Dale Chupp, consignors; Gary Estes, Blaine Crosser & Jon Lantz, sales staff

The 2013 National Convention Sale was one for the record books as 44 Registered Guernsey females averaged $5,952 to post the highest National Guernsey Sale average ever and the fourth highest Guernsey sale average in breed history. Earlier in the week, the Embryo, Choice and Semen sale was a big success with five choices of flush averaging $3,320, 41 embryos averaging $505 per embryo and 253 units of semen grossing over $13,000.

25 of the 44 live animals came from Chupp Farms and their various partners, on June 24, which resulted in a stunning lineup of big-time show cows along with a great group of heifers. Chupp Farms hosted the sale at their farm just outside Tulsa in Inola, Oklahoma.

The top seller was no surprise to those that previewed the sale lineup or read the catalog. Adams Creek Hillpoint Marsha-ET, EX-92, was the All-American Sr. 3-Year-Old in 2012 and was named Res. Intermediate Champion at the NGS-Madison. She sold dry and due in August to Kringle. She had previously been named HM All-American Fall Calf and Res. All-American Fall Yearling. Her massive frame and shallow udder convinced many that she will be a force to be reckoned with this fall as a 3rd calf 4-Year-old. Marsha has two sisters that have been Nom. All-American in milking form and is out of the six-time All-American nominee Marshdene Magic Mary, EX-94. Bidding was fast and furious up to $28,500 as John Ayars of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, placed the final bid. Marsha has changed hands again since the sale and now resides with her original breeder at Adams Creek Farm in Bangor, Wisconsin. She was consigned by Chupp Farm and City Slickers of Inola, Oklahoma, and Cross Plains, Wisconsin.

The second high seller was the first animal through the ring – Sniders Adacka Delcie, EX-92, the #112 CPI Cow in the breed and the Res. All-American 4-Year-Old in 2012. Delcie was also the All-American Summer Yearling in 2009 and HM All-American Jr. 2-Year-Old in 2010. A high testing cow, she made over 880F and 650P in her second lactation. She sold fresh in March with her third calf and is ready for the fall shows. Her dam is an EX-93 Buttermost Warden that was Nom. All-American four times in milking form. The next dam was EX-94 herd matriarch Chupps Farm Glen Dolly, EX-94, with over 175,000M lifetime. The EX-91 third dam makes Delcie the fourth-generation Excellent in this impressive family. Foggy River Farm of Columbus, Wisconsin, and Dan Basse of Winnetka, Illinois, placed the final bid of $19,500 over contenders Morey Miller and Peter Vail. Delcie was consigned by Chupp Farm, Bob Griggs and Henry Zapalac of Oklahoma and Texas.

The 2012 All-American Jr. 2-Year-Old was perhaps the most anticipated offering of the day but her due date of November 2013 will keep her from the show ring this year. Chupps Hillpoint Pie Mariah-ET, had developed impressively since claiming the Intermediate Champion banner at Madison last fall. She is scored VG-88 and has a huge deviation over herdmates, being projected to 18,000M in her first lactation. Her VG Ace dam can also claim the 2012 Madison Res. Grand Champion, Mentor Mary, among her many impressive progeny. The next dam is EX-94 Magic Mary. Steve and Debbie Nuttleman of Adams Creek in Bangor, Wisconsin, claimed her for $13,600. She was consigned by Chupps Farm and City Slickers.

Rounding out the animals selling for five figures was Chupps Autumn Gold Sweetheart, a March 2012 Altanic daughter that stood third at Madison last fall. She is from a VG-86 Showtime dam. Her strength and balance made her stand out in the heifer lineup. NaRisa Waldo of Mineola, Texas, added her to a new Guernsey herd for $10,000. She was consigned by Chupp Farm and John McDaniel of Oklahoma City.

The sale was managed by Guernsey Marketing Service and Chupps Auction. Gary Estes called the sale with Blaine Crosser making pedigree announcements. Jim Trotter, Bob Griggs, Ervin Miller, Robert Yeoman and Jon Lantz took bids from the huge crowd that filled the sale tent and

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The 3rd high seller in the National Convention Sale was Chupps Hillpoint Pie Mariah-ET at $13,600. (l-R) Stanley & Cindy Chupp, consignors; Bob Griggs, sales staff; Debbie & Steve Nuttleman, buyers; Tyler, Justin, Maria & Dale Chupp, consignors; Gary Estes, Blaine Crosser & Jon Lantz, sales staff

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spilled over into the adjacent building. Bud Yoder headed a fitting crew that had over 175 head between the National Sale and Chupp Dispersal looking great all week. Dairy Agenda Today provided live online video coverage of the sale.

Other Selling over $3,000:

Adams Creek Kringle June EX-90 (01/10)
Sire: Chupps Hillpoint Gdust Kringle-ET
B: Nicley Livestock, Lebanon, IN $9700
C: Chupps Farm, Inola, OK

Chupps Hillpoint Fames Amy-ET (03/12)
Sire: Millborne Tiller Fayes Fame.....$8000
B: John & Marjorie Kuszlyk, Batavia, NY
C: Chupps & City Slickers, Inola, OK

Adams Creek MM Anisa EX-94 (03/06)
Sire: Four Winds Magicman-ET.....$8000
B: Nicley Livestock, Lebanon, IN
C: Chupp Farm, Inola, OK

Misty Meadows Pixies Pearl (12/12)$7700
Sire: Millborne Tiller Fayes Fame
B: Wyatt Kerper, Fleetwood, PA
C: Jaci Peterson, Wilson, WI

Knapps Hillpoint Ace Jupiter-ET (09/10)
Sire: Knapps Perfecto Ace-ET.....$7700
B: Hillpoint, Adams Creek & Snider Homestead, PA
C: Chupps & City Slickers, Inola, OK

Sniders Grumpy Antanna-ET (08/11)
Sire: Golden J Ronald Grumpy.....$7500
B: Madison, Mason & Maxton Moore, Emory, TX
C: Snider Homestead, New Enterprise, PA

Dix Lee Mission Taffy EX-91 (05/08)
Sire: Mar Ral Tiller Mission.....$7500
B: Myown Guernseys, Chenoa, IL
C: Brett & Jess Dixon, Conway, MO

Lantz Chupps Haileys Comet EX-91 (12/06)
Sire: Lantz Farm R Oak Max-ET.....$7500
B: Nicely & Tormoehlen, Lebanon, IN
C: Chupp Farm, Inola, OK

Stockwell Farms Hailey EX-94 (09/04)
Sire: Coulee Crest Ronald Fritz.....$7,000
B: Nicely & Tormoehlen, Lebanon, IN
C: Chupp Farm, Inola, OK

Chupps Farm Hillbilly Amaze (09/12)
Sire: Chupps Farm Dynasty Hillbilly $7000
B: Morgan Cavitt, Stephenville, TX
C: Chupp Farm, Inola, OK

Disco Fame Dina (12/12).....$6700
Sire: Millborne Tiller Fayes Fame
B: Dan Basse, Winnetka, IL
C: Earl Lindsey, Bismarck, IL

Spring River Hercules Holly VG-83 (04/09)
Sire: Spring River Happy Hercules.....$5700
B: Evelyn Roedl, Edgewood, IL
C: Chupp Farm, Inola, OK

Coulee Crest AP Lorilee VG-86 (05/10)
Sire: Indian Acres American Pie.....$5200
B: Lily Lane & Trotacre Farm, Enon Valley, PA
C: Coulee Crest LLC, Cashton, WI

Chupps Hillpoint GDust Kristy-ET(12/07)
Sire: Sniders Loral Goldust.....$5200
B: Adams Creek & Hillpoint, Bangor, WI
C: Chupp Farm & City Slickers, Inola, OK

Valley Gem Brandos Demi (03/13) .$4800
Sire: Sniders Adacka Brando
B: Matt Garber, Iota, LA
C: Brandon Grewe, Cumberland, WI

Chupps Farm Hillbilly Magic (08/12)
Sire: Chupps Farm Dynasty Hillbilly $4700
B: Lars Sivesind, Waukon, IA
C: Chupp Farm & City Slickers, Inola, OK

The Guernsey Grapevine

Jim and Ann Meyer & Bill and Bev Wachtel celebrated 50th wedding anniversaries during the Convention in Tulsa.

The youngest Guernsey member in attendance at Convention, at two months, was little Kinzie Smith, of Washington who slept through most of the Convention.

Bobby Griggs gave his daughter Heidi away in marriage to Chris Underhill in a midnight wedding ceremony on Friday evening at the Convention hotel in Tulsa, OK. Officiating the ceremony was Aripoke Daniels, the Griggs' son-in law and husband of their daughter Holly. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

Email items to purebred.editor@gmail.com for the Guernsey Grapevine

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Chupps Farm Dylan July (03/12)....$4700
Sire: Chupps Farm Marquis Dylan
B: NaRisa Waldo, Mineola, TX
C: Chupp Farm, Inola, OK

Chupps Hillpoint K Doll-ET (02/12)$4600
Sire: Chupps Hillpoint Gdust Kringle-ET
B: Adams Creek, Bangor, WI
C: Chupps & City Slickers, Inola, OK

6 IVF Embryos from Sniders Yogi Anise
Sire: Chupps Hillpoint Gdust Kringle-ET
B: Daniel Basse, Winnetka, IL $4500
C: Dr. Joe Piskorowski & Warwick Manor, NY & PA

Adams Creek Adacka Miriam (06/12)
Sire: Sniders Deemand Adacka-ET $4500
B: Robin Dalton, Scottville, KY
C: Adams Creek, Bangor, WI

Chupps Farm Hillbilly Karmel (07/12)
Sire: Chupps Farm Dynasty Hillbilly $4500
B: Chupp Farm, Inola, OK
C: Chupp Farm & City Slickers, Inola, OK

6 Embryos from Knapps Regis Tambourine
Sire: Dutch Miller Telestar Fayette.....$4350
B: Daniel Basse, Winnetka, IL
C: Knapps, Epworth, IA

Omalley Hillpoint S Comet-ET (09/10)
Sire: Coulee Crest Luxury Skipper-ET....$4200
B: Peyton Randolph, Greenville, IL
C: Chupp Farm, Inola, OK

Chupps Farm Dylan Mistic (07/12)$4200
Sire: Chupps Farm Marquis Dylan
B: Adams Creek, Bangor, WI
C: Chupp & City Slickers, Inola, OK

Chupps Farm Majesty Delightful (03/13)
Sire: Adams Creek Kringle Majesty-ET
B: NaRisa Waldo, Mineola, TX.....$4000
C: Chupp, Zapalac & Griggs, OK & TX

1st Choice Four Winds Mtr Highlite (06/13)
Sire: Edgewater Meadows Yogibear-ET
B: Highlite Syndicate, ME.....$4000
C: Thomas Bailey, Farmington, ME

Coulee Crest Laredo Lacole-ET (03/13)
Sire: Oak Knob Maxie Laredo.....$3700
B: Mike & Victoria Baker, Scottdale, PA
C: Coulee Crest LLC, Cashton, WI

1st Choice Three Brooks Alstar Pixie (12/13)
Sire: Oak Knob Maxie Laredo.....$3600
B: Hoard's Dairyman Farm, Ft. Atkinson, WI
C: Marodore Farm, Baltimore, OH

Stil Dreamn 4 J Skip Vicki-ET (03/13)
Sire: Coulee Crest Luxury Skipper-ET....$3600
B: Chupp Farm, Inola, OK
C: Jeff Jensen, Conway, MO

Chupps Farm Twister Justina (11/12)
Sire: Chupps Farm Dynasty Twister.....$3600
B: Dan Basse & Bruce Kipp, N. Prairie, WI
C: Justin Chupp, Inola, OK

Moziers Tiller Angel-ET (12/12) $3500
Sire: Trotacre Loral Tiller-ET
B: Chupp Farm, Inola, OK
C: Dr. John Mozier, Louisburg, KS

Chupps Hillpoint Goldust Excite-ET (03/11)
Sire: Sniders Loral Goldust.....$3500
B: Adams Creek, Bangor, WI
C: Chupp Farm & City Slickers, Inola, OK

Chupps Hillpoint Fame Aliza-ET (06/12)
Sire: Millborne Tiller Fayes Fame.....$3500
B: Hailey & Bridget Mueller, Roberts, WI
C: Chupp Farm & City Slickers, Inola, OK

1st Choice Coulee Crest Nick Lorilyn (12/13)
Sire: Sniders Garrett Alymo.....$3500
B: Warwick Manor, East Earl, PA
C: Coulee Crest LLC, Cashton, WI

Village View PC Aaron Andi-ET (09/11)
Sire: Sniders Option Aaron-ET.....$3400
B: Glen & Sheryl Taylor, Cassville, NY
C: Kim & Kevin Lakey, Trempealeau, WI

Hartdale Advance Frenzy (03/13)...$3300
Sire: Villa Crest Advance
B: Lauren Mohr, Normal, IL
C: Hartdale Guernseys, Mulberry Grove, IL

Knapps Aaron Jadelynn Dee-ET (03/13)
Sire: Sniders Option Aaron-ET.....$3200
B: Russell Alden, Danville, OH
C: Knapps, Epworth, IA

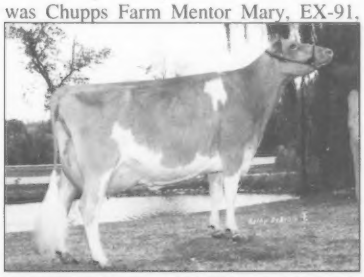
Lantz Farm Preppy Indy (03/11) $3200
Sire: Lantz Challenge Preppy
B: Lily Lane Farm, Yukon, OK
C: Chupp Farm & Melinda Rushing, Inola, OK

Ripley Farms B Coni Zorna-ET (10/12)
Sire: Jens Gold C Blue Spruce –ET.....$3000
B: Rich Schomburg & Kirstie Langrehr, West Salem, WI
C: Ripley Farm, Cortland, WI

Sale Reports

The Chupp Farms Complete Dispersal immediately followed the National Convention Sale on June 24 in Inola, Oklahoma. With just a 20-minute break between sales, a total of 175 head sold in 5 hours. Gary Estes called both sales with Blaine Crosser sticking with him in the box throughout the hot, but pleasant, day. 88 Registered Guernsey females in the Chupp Dispersal averaged a solid $2170. The 132 Registered Guernseys that sold through both sales averaged $3441. The Chupp Dispersal included some elite females from other breeds as well with 9 Ayrshire averaging $2611, 12 Jerseys at $1763, 15 Holsteins at $2653 and 4 Brown Swiss averaging $1813 for an average of $2209 on all the animals sold as part of the Chupp Farm Dispersal. Three Registered Guernsey bulls also sold for an average of $883.

The top selling Guernsey at $6,000 was Chupps Farm Mentor Mary, EX-91,



with over 20,000M and 1,025F. Mary was the All-American 5-Year-Old in 2012 and was Res. Grand Champion at the NGS-Madison. She was the HM All-American Sr. 2-Year-Old in 2009. Mary is from a VG Ace out of EX-94 Marshdene Magic Mary, EX-94, whose genetics dominated both sales on this day. Mary sold milking over a year and short bred. She was purchased by Nicley Livestock of Lebanon, Indiana, with Dr. Joe Piskorowski of New York contending.

The Magic Mary family also accounted for the second-high seller in the sale at $5500. Adams Creek Aaron Marin, EX-90, sold fresh in April. She is the #91 CPI Cow in the breed and was Nom. All-American Winter Calf in 2010. Her dam is a VG-88 Tiller with over 19,000M and 900F. The next dam is EX-94 Magic Mary. That makes the dam a full sister to the EX-92 All-American Marsha, the top seller in the National Convention Sale. Marin was purchased by Adams Creek Farm of Bangor, Wisconsin.

Estes kept the sale moving well and the large crowd stayed through the end as cold water and milk were provided throughout the sale and opportunities to buy into some of the breed's most interesting families continued right through to the end. About 30 head sold that were owned in partnership with City Slickers/Hillpoint in Wisconsin. This partnership has allowed Chupp Farms to develop several exciting show winners through IVF and ET work. The Chupp Family made a few purchases in both sales that will allow the kids to show heifers this summer. But, true to their word, every animal on the farm was offered in the sale and every milking female left the farm by the following week. Cattle sold from California and Washington to New York and Florida.

Animals Selling Over $2500:

Walnut Corner Pie Tid (03/12).....$5000
Sire: Indian Acres American Pie
B: Chupp Farm, Inola, OK
C: Chupp Farm & Keenan Wolf, Wooster, OH

Coulee Crest Kringle Jackie (01/11)$4100
Sire: Chupps Hillpoint GDust Kringle-ET
B: Matt Brahmer & Jon Lantz, Spring Valley, WI

Chupps Hillpoint K Dollys Disco-ET (03/12)
Sire: Sire: Chupps Hillpoint GDust Kringle-ET
B: Jesse Dorn, New Glarus, WI.....$4000

Chupps Hillpoint K Hilary-ET (02/12)
Sire: Chupps Hillpoint GDust Kringle-ET
B: Adams Creek Farm, Bangor, WI.....$3700

Faria Farms Mentor Nyx-ET (01/11)
Sire: Mar Ral Royal Mentor-ET.....$3700
B: Dan Basse, Winnetka, IL

Chupps Farm Dynasty Raelyn (10/09)
Sire: Chupps Farm Illiad Dynasty.....$3500
B: Myown Guernseys, Chenoa, IL

Chupps J A Dynasty Hailey Jo, (08/10)
Sire: Chupps Farm Illiad Dynasty.....$3500
B: Rocky Hill Farm, Hughesville, PA

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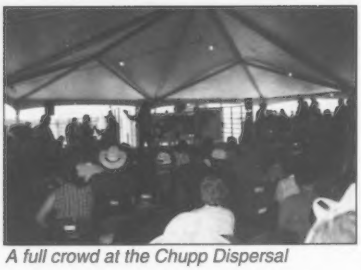

A full crowd at the Chupp Dispersal

Chupps Farm Majesty Mickey (09/12)
Sire: Adams Creek Kringle Majesty-ET..$3400
B: Chupp Farm, Inola, OK
C: Chupps & Hillpoint, Inola, OK

Howerton Farms Banger Wanda (07/10)
Sire: My Day Bliss Banger-ET.....$3300
B: Morgan Pontius, Noble, OK

Lantz Farm Preppy Hemy, VG-82 (11/10)
Sire: Lantz Farm Challenge Preppy.....$3200
B: Ed Gill, Creston, OH

Chupps Farm Adacka Dasha (09/11)$3200
Sire: Sniders Deemand Adacka-ET
B: Steve Cross, Vandalia, MO

Spring River Altanic Happy (07/11)$3200
Sire: Sniders Tiller Altanic
B: Jacob Roedl, Edgewood, IL

GR-Woodale LOL C Java (10/11) ..$3000
Sire: Idle Gold Dairyman HP Captain-ET
B: Donna Anderson, Lester Prairie, MN

Lantz Farm Adacka Relish, VG-83 (01/11)
Sire: Sniders Deemand Adacka-ET..... $3000
B: Myown Guernseys, Chenoa, IL

Chupps Farm Adacka Magan (09/11)
Sire: Sniders Deemand Adacka-ET.....$3000
B: Myown Guernseys, Chenoa, IL

Chupps Farm Dylan Dallas (02/12) $2900
Sire: Chupps Farm Marquis Dylan
B: Rocky Hill Farm, Hughesville, PA

Chupps Farm Kringle Lolli (09/12)$2900
Sire: Chupps Hillpoint GDust Kringle-ET
B: Chupp Farm, Inola, OK

Adams Creek Adacka Lulu (07/11) $2900
Sire: Sniders Deemand Adacka-ET
B: Scott Holcomb, Greene, NY

Wagners Director Aloha (02/11) $2800
Sire: Villa Crest GH Director
B: Brian & Kristi Dinderman, Orangeville, IL

Chupps Farm Advance Duffy, VG-81 (04/10)
Sire: Villa Crest Advance $2700
B: Ripley Farm, Cortland, NY

GT-Chupps Friendship Marquis Daisy (10/07)
Sire: Villa Crest Fame Marquis $2700
B: April Christiansen, Crescent, OK

Chupps Hillpoint Perfect Emily-ET, (04/10)
Sire: Lily Lane i'enny Perfecto-ET.....$2500
B: Ed Gill, Creston, OH

Hillpoint Tiller Adele-ET VG-87 (12/07)
Sire: Trotacre Loral Tiller-ET.....$2500
B: MyShan Dairy, Blaine, WA
C: Hillpoint Partners, Cross Plains, WI

Cedar Way Visa Vinny, D-77 (09/10)$2500
Sire: Lantz Farm Sentry Visa
B: NaRisa Waldo, Mineola, TX

Beuna Vista/Hershy Hill Dispersal

The Beuna Vista and Hershy Hill Dispersal combined two small Registered Guernsey herds into one sale at the picturesque Beuna Vista Farm owned by Ivan Hochstetler and his family. Neighbor Jonathan Herberger brought his Hershy Hill milking herd to that farm to sell. Both small herds have produced exiting individuals that have been developed by others in the past. 65 Registered Guernseys averaged $1685 with six cows of various other breeds averaging $1500.

Beuna Vista Kay, EX-90, a daughter of My Day Bliss Banger-ET topped the sale at $3,000. She has a top record over 18,000M and has a VG-88 Yogi maternal sister that was Nom. All-American Jr. 2-Year-Old in 2011 and made over 20,000M and 900F. Doug Johnston of Yelm, Washington, chose her for his growing herd and also took home her March 2012 daughter by an Aaron son for $2000. Both were sold by Ivan Hochstetler and Family.

Second high seller came from Jonathan Hershberger. Hershys Lizzie Lucy is a just-fresh daughter of Spring Walk Sherberts Mint with a fancy, shallow udder. Her dam is a VG-85 Tiller Les with 21,000M and 1,000F. The next dam was a VG Ronald with six lactations and over 900F. Spring Walk Farm of nearby Big Prairie, Ohio, purchased her for $2500.

Buena Vista Kay EX-90 topped the sale at $3000 to Doug Johnston, Washington.

Guernsey Marketing Service and John Kline managed the sale. Cattle sold to 10 different states.

Others Selling over $2000:

Beuna Vista Grumpy Jessica (12/12)
Sire: Golden J Ronald Grumpy.....$2500
B: Mark Clark, Winchester, TN

GR-Beuna Vista Amy (08/08).....$2450
Sire: Jens Gold G Hawk-Tw
B: Edward Keim, Wilmot, OH

Beuna Vista Nick Crystal (06/12)...$2,400
Sire: Lang Haven Tiller Nick-ET
B: Dalan Ealy, Sharpsville, PA

Beuna Vista Alstar Molly (06/11)....$2200
Sire: Sniders Ronalds Alstar
B: Mark Clark, Winchester, TN

Hersheys Anabell Leora (09/11).....$2100
Sire: Pine Ridge Double L-ET
B: Betsy Musser, Enon Valley, PA

Beuna Vista Misty (03/07).....$2100
Sire: Rozelyn PatMar Jay Glacier-ET
B: Ed Gill, Creston, OH

Hershyes Turley Tremble (10/09) ...$2000
Sire: Penny Lane Royal Oak Turley
B: Cassandra Musser, Enon Valley, PA

Beuna Vista Mack Fable (03/12) $2000
Sire: Beuna Vista Aaron Mack
B: Doug Johnston, Yelm, WA

Beuna Vista Carter Nelly (09/12)....$2000
Sire: Ripley Farms Mr A Carter-ET
B: John McMurray, Eighty Four, PA

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at 2-03 305D 26,880M 1,168F 855P with an energy corrected milk total of 28,271. Room is sired by Trotacre Enhancer Lewis-ET. Lewis is a bull that has worked very well at Hoard's and in other herds by siring outstanding production, solid health traits and longevity. Room's granddam was an Excellent Tiller that completed over 150,000 pounds of milk in her lifetime. The next dam was a Very Good Laeschland Billy Beau that also completed over 100,000M in her lifetime.

The Max Dawdy Awards

The Max Dawdy Young Sire Awards recognize success resulting from young sire matings. The awards are given to a first-crop daughter of a sire in an AI sampling program completing their first lactation in 2012. The awards are based on official USDA yield deviations for milk, fat and protein. The awards are named in honor of Max Dawdy, a former AGA Executive Secretary who was instrumental in establishing the AGA Young Sire Proving Groups. The cash awards given to the winners are sponsored by United Guernsey Genetics and Dairybelt Guernsey Sires.

First for Protein
Jens Gold Mint Austine
4861M 209F 165P
Jens Gold Farm, Wisconsin
Second for Protein
PR-Oak Knob Christian Ring
5317M 156F 155P
Oak Knob Guernseys, Iowa
First for Milk, Third for Fat and Protein
Beaver Creek Behold Retreat
7096M 201F 140P
Dave & Pam Bolin, Iowa
First for Fat
PR-Kadence Ben Juliette
5060M 272F 127P
Kadence Farm, Wisconsin
Second for Fat
Dairyman Messenger Java
3330M 267F 135P
Hoard's Dairyman Farm, Wisconsin
Third for Milk
Dairyman Casanova Nutty
6290M 160F 132P
Hoard's Dairyman Farm, Wisconsin
2nd for Milk
Kadence Dazzler Scarlet
6703M 128F 79P
Tyler & Evan Dorn, New Glarus, WI

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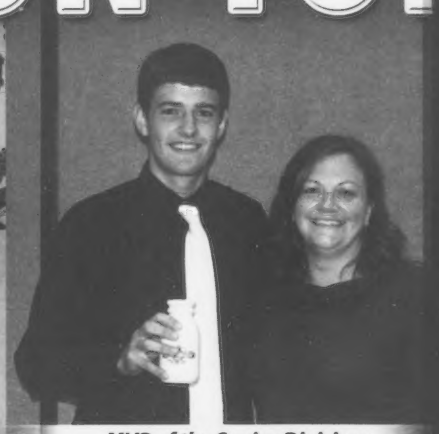

MVP of the Senior Division:
(3 consecutive years): Kyle Sollenberger.

1st Place Guernsey Gold Production:
Faria Farms Messenger Roxy, owned by Bethany Trotter (right), PA will receive $1,496.00.

Jr. Folding Display:
Dalan (1st) and Christa Ealy (3rd).

Intermediate Folding Display:
Adrian Whitling (3rd).
Senior Folding Display:
Shelby Hawkins (2nd, not pictured).

Senior Prepared Public Speaking:
2nd Bethany Trotter, National Guernsey Queen and Miss Congeniality.

Int Extemporaneous Speaking:
1st Jamie Trotter.

MVP of the Jr Division: Mackenzie Blatt.

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1st Place Junior Dairy Bowl:
Dalan Ealy, Jacob Poole, Ayla Blatt, Amber Kirk.

1st Place Senior Dairy Bowl:
Sandra Krone, Kyle Sollenberger, Cassie Musser, Samantha Klingler.

Intermediate Essay Contest:
Tanner Walason (1st, right).
Senior Essay Contest:
Julianne Holler (1st, not pictured).

3rd Place Prepared Public and Extemporaneous Speaking:
Ayla Blatt (right).

Intermediate Prepared Public Speaking: 2nd Jamie Trotter (left), 1st Cara Trotter (right).

THE PRIDE OF PA!

National Youth Awards

The Queen, her court and the judges (L-R) Jaci Peterson; Holly Whetsell; Judge, Melinda Rushing; 2012 Queen, Kami Schuler; Judge Ludy Griggs; Judge Cheryl Tyrrell; Mary Foote; 2012 Princess, Betsey McKenna; Kelsey Peters. Seated, 2013 Guernsey Queen, Bethany Trotter & 2013 Guernsey Princess, Rachel Nance.

One of the most anticipated events of the national convention each year is the Youth Awards evening and Fun auction. This year was no exception with the multitude of talent and skill possessed by the youth of the Guernsey breed. Emceed by Mr. Bobby Griggs, the evening was filled with laughter and excitement as each award was given amidst the enjoyable story telling of Griggs.

One of the many high notes of the evening was the presentation of $1100 and $500 to Moore, Oklahoma, tornado victims from the North Carolina and Pennsylvania youth associations respectively.

Biographies of the Queen and Outstanding Youth contestants can be found in the May issue of the *Guernsey Breeders' Journal* for reference.

Here is the complete list of winners for all youth contests.

Junior Production Awards:

Individual Cow Awards:

Misty Meadows Adacka Pixie
35,257M 1,420F 988P
1st for milk, 1st for fat, 3rd for protein
Jaci Peterson, WI

Ripley Farms Nash Coni Shey
30,775M 1,377F 1,087P
3rd for milk, 2nd for fat, 1st for protein
Kyle Bonavita, PA

Misty Meadows Hillpoint Ice Cream
31,641M 1,238F 1,001P
2nd for milk, 5th for fat, 2nd for protein
Jaci Peterson, WI

Phil Aud Aliance Dare
28,128M 1,321F 882P
4th for milk, 4th for fat, 5th for protein
Emily Hellendrung, WI

Flambeau Manor Tiller Anita
27,274M 1,329F 827P
5th for milk, 3rd for fat
Jaci Peterson, WI

Adams Creek Skipper Opal
24,120M 1,224F 911P
4th for protein
Kyle Bonavita, PA

Group of Three Cows Award

Jaci Peterson, Wisconsin
1st for milk, 1st for fat, 1st for protein
Average: 31,391M 1,329F 939P
Misty Meadows Adacka Pixie
Misty Meadows Hillpoint Ice Cream
Flambeau Manor Tiller Anita

Austin & Landen Knapp, Iowa
2nd for milk, 2nd for fat, 3rd for protein
Average: 24,570M 1,159F 837P
Knapps Regis Tamilla
Knapps Regis Tamesty
Knapps Challenge Betsann

Kyle Bonavita, Pennsylvania
3rd for milk, 3rd for fat, 2nd for protein
Average: 23,759M 1,110F 842P
Ripley Farms Nash Coni Shey
Adams Creek Skipper Opal
Jo Ann Archie Hollyberry

Elizabeth Ripley, New York Cont. on pg. 31

1. Jr. Prepared & Extemp. Speech Winners: Christian Rodriguez, FL, Cady McGehee, FL & Ayla Blatt, PA; 2. Int. Prepared Speech Winners: Jamie Trotter, PA, John McGehee, FL & Cara Trotter, PA; 3. Senior Prepared Speech Winners: Bethany Trotter, PA; Mary Foote, NY, Rachel Nance, SC.; 4. Group of 3 Cows: Landen & Austin Knapp, IA, Jaci Peterson, WI Daniel & Elizabeth Ripley, NY; 5.Jr. Folding Display, Dalan & Christa Ealy, PA; 6. Jr. Gold Star Breeders: Jaci Peterson, Daniel Ripley, Cara Trotter, Lauren Robison, IL; 7. Photo Contest winners: Amber Dietz, OH, Raegen Kime, IA, Logan Wingert, IA, Marshall Overholt, OH; 8. Guernsey Gold Production, Kimberly Lakey, WI, Bethany Trotter, PA; 9. Sr. Extemp. Speech: Holly Whetsell, FL, Morgan Bollech, IL; 10. - Int. Folding Display, Adrian Whitling, PA; 11. Sr. Folding Display, Robin Kime, IA, Mary Foote, NY; 12. Int. Essay, Mickey Jo Grubb, NC, Tanner Walason, PA; 13.Jr. Essay, Garrett Greaves, FL, Hunter Fioretto, FL; 14. Int. Extemp. Speech winners: Mickey Jo Grubb, NC, Jamie Trotter, PA, & Lauren Robison, IL; 15. Winning Sr. Quiz Bowl Team, Samantha Klinger, Cassie Musser, Sandra Krone, Kyle Sollenberger; 16. Winning Jr. Quiz Bowl Team, Dalan Ealy, Jacob Poole, Ayla Blatt & Amber Kirk

American Guernsey Youth Association

Queen's Corner

Greetings Guernsey friends,

I am honored and humbled to be writing to you all as the 2013 National Guernsey Queen. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Bethany Trotter and I live on Trotacre Farm of Enon Valley, Pennsylvania with my parents, Dave and Jill, and three sisters: Abby, Cara, and Jamie. After being crowned Pennsylvania Guernsey Queen, my journey began—setting off to Tulsa, Oklahoma with my family.

The 2013 National Guernsey convention was an amazing experience, to say the least. I had the opportunity to meet wonderful people, visit two Guernsey dairy farms, watch our youth excel in public speaking and quiz bowl competitions, and have some fun on tours with the other queens, judges, and Guernsey friends. On Sunday, June 23rd, Rachel Nance and I were crowned at the Youth Awards Banquet. It was a special night, followed by a successful youth auction.

Since that night, I have had two main thoughts concerning my new title and responsibility. First, thank you. I want to thank the AGA , Jo-ann Chason, the Oklahoma Guernsey Breeders, and the other Guernsey queens and judges for making the week so fun and successful. I also need to thank my family, including my grandparents, and my friends for supporting and encouraging me. My second thought is: I hope to give back to the association for all they have given me. In other words, I am striving to serve and represent the Guernsey Association to the best of my ability. I am excited for this upcoming year and look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new friends!

Best wishes,
Bethany Trotter

Princess Diaries

I wanted to start by thanking the Chupp family for hosting such an amazing convention. I had an outstanding time conversing with Guernsey friends and exploring Oklahoma agriculture. As your National Guernsey Princess I would like to introduce myself. My name is Rachel Nance the daughter of Bill and Jane Nance of McConnells South Carolina. I have grown up on the family farm where we milk about 115 cows. 25 of which are Guernsey's. I assist with the farm chores of milking, feeding calves, breeding cows, and crop production. This fall I will be a freshman at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College majoring in Rural Studies with a concentration in Agricultural Communications. In the future I would like to put a positive face on dairy farming, by giving the public a reliable source of information and encouraging them to consume more nutritious and delicious dairy products. Ideally, I would like to work in partnership with schools and professional athletic teams helping to educate the youngest consumers about the positives of dairy. This year I am excited about promoting the Guernsey breed along with the people. I hope to see all of you this fall at the All American, World Dairy Expo, and NAILE showcasing the beautiful brown and white cows.

Rachel Nance

National Outstanding Guernsey Youth – Mary Foote, NY
1st runner up National Outstanding Guernsey Youth – Austin Knapp, IA
National Guernsey Queen – Bethany Trotter, PA
National Guernsey Princess – Rachel Nance, SC
AGA Scholarship – Tyler Chupp, OK
Max Dawdy Scholarship – Mary Foote, NY
Schnebly Scholarship – Austin Knapp, IA
Turley Scholarships – Jade Jensen, MO and Marshall Overholt, OH

Outstanding Youth Winner, Mary Foote & Runner-Up, Austin Knapp

AGA Scholarship Winner, Tyler Chupp

Brian Schnebly presents the Schnebly Scholarship to Austin Knapp.

Turley Scholarship winners, Jade Jensen & Marshall Overholt

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4th for milk, 5th for protein
Average: 20,900M 767F 634P
Leroydales Aarons Vienna
Ripley Farms Sens Jewel
Ripley Farms A Coni Tess
Esther Ripley, New York
5th for milk, 4th for fat, 4th for protein
Average: 19,717M 961F 697P
Lang Haven Aaron Treasure
Ripley Farms Ad Coni Udelli
Ripley Farms Aaron Yolanda
Daniel Ripley, New York
5th for fat
Average: 18,919M 868F 617P
Ripley Farms Lex Coni Zoe
Ripley Farms Mader Jessica
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Guernsey Gold Production Contest

1st Place: **Faria Farms Messenger Roxy,** 23,920M 996F 758P
Owned by: Bethany Trotter, Enon Valley, PA
$1,496.00
2nd Place: **Coulee Crest Tiller Reno-ET,** 22,807M 1,042F 678P
Owned by: Kimberly Lakey, Trempealeau, WI
$1,120.00
3rd Place: **White Hall Neon Paige,** 19,736M 844F 619P
Owned By: Henry Myers, Worton, MD
$748.00
4th Place: **Moziers Vigilant Rosehip-ET,** 11,938M 627F 456P
Owned By: Alyssa Nuttleman, Bangor, WI
$374.00

Other Guernsey Gold Participants that completed records and will receive $100:
Beuna Vista Showtime Terri
Paul Myers, Worton, MD

National Junior Gold Star Breeders

Jaci Peterson, WI
Misty Meadows Hillpoint IceCream, VG-88, +2502M +59F +77P
Misty Meadows Adacka Lollipop, VG-83 +8050M +255F +207P
Cara Trotter, PA
Trotacre Valiant Jitterbug, VG-87 +2633M +121F +72P
Daniel Ripley, NY
Ripley Farms Alton C Raspberry, VG-87 +757M +57F +13P
Tessie Weant, MD
Lagracarmel Aaron Tigerlily, VG-85 +1901M +92F +48P
Lauren Robison, IL
Hartdale Alstar Festival, VG-89 +5115M +139F +100P

Folding Display Contest

The Folding Display Contest had a varied group of topics in all divisions. Winning the Junior Division was Erin Cox, NC, second was Bryson Staley, NC and third place, Adrian Whitling, PA

The Intermediate Division was won by Dalan Ealy, PA, second was Ross Laskey, FL, and third, Christa Ealy, PA.

Queen contestant and Outstanding Youth, Mary Foote, NY, won the Senior Division. Shelby Hawkins, PA, was second and Robin Kime, IA, was third.

Youth Photo Contest

The Ohio youth took top honors in the Photo contest. Amber Dietz and Marshall Overholt, took first and second respectively while Raegen Kime, IA, received third. The People's Choice award went to Logan Wingert, IA.

Essay Contest

The Junior division of the Essay contest was won by Hunter Fioretto, FL, second, Henry Myers, MD, and third, Garrett Greaves, FL

Intermediate Division top honors went to Tanner Walason, PA, second to Mickey Jo Grubb, NC and third to Ross Laskey, FL.

Julianne Holler of Pennsylvania took the top honors in the Senior division.

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caution and care, as we had sought advice from the Financial Advisory Committee. This committee was chaired by Dick Whalen. Others on the committee are John McMurray, Todd Moore, Carl Oslot and myself. They gave much of their own time and monies for this task. I personally extend my gratitude to them. This cost AGA nothing as they covered their own expenses. Three meetings transpired, the first at the AGA office where we met with Seth and the late Mary Ann, the second in Pittsburgh and the third in Chicago. Emily will now review their highlights.

Emily reviewed highlights of their report which included the need to improve communications. More details need to be better understood. The appropriate personnel needed to be hired when it came to selling the condo. There is a need to review the bylaws. Increase the transparency of the Association and Board and return dollars from Purebred Publishing to the AGA that was borrowed.

Last year we had reported the Antiquities Committee and the fact that the artwork and trophies in the office were appraised. This has initiated further discussion as to our protection and handling of these important items. I want to say that the Board has had no discussion on selling these items.

We have sought advice from a broad range of members, chaired by Patti McMurray. Dave Cochard will be updating the board this afternoon with a report from that committee. In the future, small, inexpensive items may be sold to help maintain and secure more valuable properties. Also, the National Dairy Shrine has been approached for consideration as to a possible display. I repeat, no decision was made by the board to sell valuable and historic items.

Another item that I wish to report, and this will be more apparent with the financial report tomorrow, is the fact that we are doing better financially than we were a few years back. However, I do want you to know that some of the restricted funds are not backed with money in the bank. No wrongdoings have occurred. However, we will strive to refund those monies in the future. We are not going back to point fingers or how or when these were used, as past AGA directors made the right decisions at that time. My main point is this....funds from the restricted funds were used for operation but no wrong doings occurred. It is awareness to you the membership that is the current situation.

With the loss of Mary Ann, no permanent decision has been made to the future of replacing her position. Seth and the board are currently reviewing what may be the best options both financially and to support our membership. We thank Katie Henson for her willingness to help us during this time. We did gain Cheri Oechsle with Purebred. Seth and Morey Miller will report more on that tomorrow, but she is a great spark in our Association.

Oklahoma Guernsey breeders - thank you for a great convention thus far. My continued thanks to the Youth Committee and staff for keeping our youth and the youth programs the tops in the nation.

As I look around this room I see lots of talent. I implore you to push harder and to encourage others. Be a Pee Wee Reese for someone. It only takes a spark to get a fire going. Put your arm around someone's waist and be proud that you are a vital member of AGA. We need to forge ahead with all the opportunities that the Guernsey cow and AGA has provided for us. As always, I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. It has been an honor.

So I look out again at all of you and can easily say – "So God made a Guernsey farmer." Thank you.

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Obituaries

Clarence Smith, Jr., Hartley, Iowa, passed away June 18, 2013, at the age of 96 years, 1 day. He was the oldest of nine children. As a child and young adult, Clarence Jr. developed a very deep interest in livestock and 4-H, and was elected the first O'Brien County 4-H president. He graduated from Paullina, IA, High School in 1934 and attended Iowa State College where he majored in Animal Husbandry, an education which prepared him to become a DHIA supervisor.

He married Lucille Horstman on February 6, 1940. They farmed at Meridan and Cleghorn, and then moved to the Hartley area in 1945 where they raised their eleven children. The Smiths raised registered Chester White hogs and Registered Guernsey cattle. He sold seed corn and was a district sales manager for a corn company for 15 years. Clarence continued his interest in 4-H serving as a club leader and was actively involved on the O'Brien County Fair Board for 33 years. He was inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame in 2004 and was honored by the Iowa Guernsey Association as a Pioneer Breeder. Clarence served as president of the Northwest Iowa Guernsey Association and showed at the Iowa State Fair and Clay County Fair at Spencer.

The Smiths retired in the town of Hartley in 1987. Lucille passed away in March, 1992. He had been a resident at Hartley Community Health Center since 2002.

Left to cherish his memory are his children: Joy (Jim) Waskow of St. Louis, MO; Charles (Fay) Smith of Harlan, IA; Wayne (Louise) Smith of Atlantic, IA; Louise (Carl) Nutzman, Sugar Land TX; Janice (Myron) Person, Spokane, WA (She was a former Iowa Guernsey Princess); Larry (Connie) Smith, Harrisburg, SD; Ken (Lori) Smith, Hartley, IA; Ron Smith, Janesville, WI; Marlene (Bill) Vyoral, Sugar Land, TX; Delores (Jim) Simmelink, Adair, IA; and Mark (Vivian) Smith, Mankato, MN; 31 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, and 4 sisters.

Upcoming Changes to the Appraisal Program

The American Guernsey Association will be re-entering a joint appraisal program with the Brown Swiss Association effective October 1, 2013. In this joint program, classifiers will be scoring Ayrshires, Brown Swiss, Guernseys, and Milking Shorthorns. Along with this change, we will also be switching to an 8-month rotation as opposed to the current 9-month rotation. In the process of making this switch, some states may be classified more often than every 9-months and a few may go a little longer between scheduling. By March 2014, every state should have begun the new 8-month rotation. We apologize for any inconvenience that may be caused during this transition phase. Here are the states scheduled for the next 7 months:

September 2013 – New York

October 2013 – Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland

November 2013 – Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Southern Indiana, Southern Illinois

December 2013 – Wisconsin

January 2014 – Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico

February 2014 – Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, Northern Indiana

March 2014 – New York

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Quiz Bowl Contest

Seven teams competed in the Junior Division of the quiz bowl. The teams came from Florida, Illinois, Missouri/Oklahoma, two Pennsylvania teams and one from Wisconsin. Taking top honors against a tough Florida team was the Pennsylvania A Team coached by Melissa Kohler and consisting of team members, captain Ayla Blatt, Amber Kirk, Dalan Ealy, and Jacob Poole. The second place Florida team coached by Chris Holcomb consisted of team members: captain, Cady McGehee, Michael Fioretto, Hunter Fioretto, and Garrett Greaves. MVP of the Junior Division was Makenzie Blatt, PA Team B.

The senior division had teams from Florida, Illinois, New York, North Carolina, Ohio/Iowa, Pennsylvania and South Carolina.

Taking top honors was again, the Pennsylvania team coached by Melissa Kohler with team members: Captain, Kyle Sollenberger, Sandra Krone, Samantha Klingler, Cassandra Musser. Coming in second was North Carolina coached by Marjie Grubb Team Members: Captain Mickey Jo Grubb, Erin Cox, Kari Cox, and Coby Kivett. MVP of Senior Division was Kyle Sollenberger, PA for the fifth straight year.

Prepared Public Speaking Awards

A large number of youth competed in the speaking contests. First place in each division presented their award-winning speech during the AGA Awards Breakfast on Sunday morning. Taking top honors in the Junior division was Christian Rodriquez of FL, second was Cady McGehee, FL, and third was Ayla Blatt, PA.

The Intermediate division was won by Cara Trotter, PA, second went to her sister, Jamie Trotter, PA, and third went to John McGehee, FL.

The Senior division winner was Mary Foote, NY, second was Bethany Trotter, PA, and third, Rachel Nance, SC

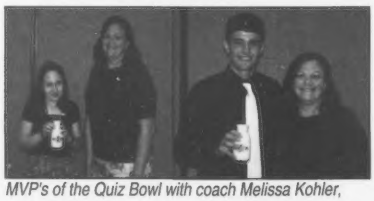
In the Extemporaneous Speaking Junior Division, Christian Rodriquez, FL, took home top honors along with fellow Florida team member, Cady McGehee, FL. Ayla Blatt, PA was third.

In the Intermediate division: Jamie Trotter, PA, took home first place. Second was Lauren Robison, IL, and third, Mickey Jo Grubb, NC.

The Senior Division winner was Morgan Bollech, IL. Fallon Curren, FL, was second and Holly Whetsell, FL, was third.

2nd place Sr. Quiz Bowl team - North Carolina, Mickey Jo Grubb, Erin Cox, Kari Cox, Coby Kivett

2nd place Jr. Quiz Bowl team - Florida, Cady McGehee, Micheal Fioretto, Hunter Fioretto, Garrett Greaves & Coach Chris Holcomb



MVP's of the Quiz Bowl with coach Melissa Kohler, Left - Mackenzie Blatt, Right, Kyle Sollenberger

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Seth and I have discussed possibly doing to get a few more bulls sampled is syndicating one or two bulls a year with the proceeds being used to pay for collection and distribution of the semen. We are still working on details but the first bulls we do this way might be syndicated around the National Shows this fall.

Speaking of bulls and semen distribution, scoring all of the Guernseys the last two years has allowed me to sell a lot of semen out of the AGA tank on various bulls. Breeder proven bulls, bulls for Frank Faria, and bulls proven through the young sire groups are the ones I normally carry. Our policy is if someone wants us to carry semen in our tanks for sale, they must run an ad in the journal promoting the bull and then we will take 15% commission on any sales we make. My way of handling all of the bulls is I don't necessarily push one bull over another. I make known to the breeders what I have available and tell them the positives and negatives, in my opinion, of each bull's daughters and let them decide what they want.

The last area that I cover as Programs Coordinator is one that is very important this time of year and that is the Youth Coordinator. I think it goes without saying that the youth of the American Guernsey Association are our pride and joy and may-be one of the most attractive and strongest parts of our association. Our youth activities have attracted many kids from outside the Guernsey breed and we have converted many of these kids over too! I don't know how many times a parent or advisor has told me that their kid or kids are attending their first Guernsey convention and now they never want to miss another one. Even the kids from North Carolina have picked the Guernsey convention over the Holstein Convention when they conflict with each other. Each year it seems we continue to see increases in the number of kids participating in all the activities and that is very exciting to see. Every year at convention, you all open your pocketbooks and wallets and donate generously to the youth fund which supports so many activities for our youth and I want to say thank you. But I also want to remind you to continue to encourage all of our youth to stay involved with the Guernsey cow and continue to work with the Guernsey cow. We all know the dairy industry is very challenging but nothing excites me more than to see a young person starting out on their own or going back to the home farm to make a living with Guernseys! It is very important that we continue to encourage them along the way.

In closing I just wanted to say that I have always considered it an honor and priviledge to work for the American Guernsey Association. I want to thank the membership for their constant support and guidance to me but more importantly your commitment and dedication to the Guernsey cow that we all love so dearly.

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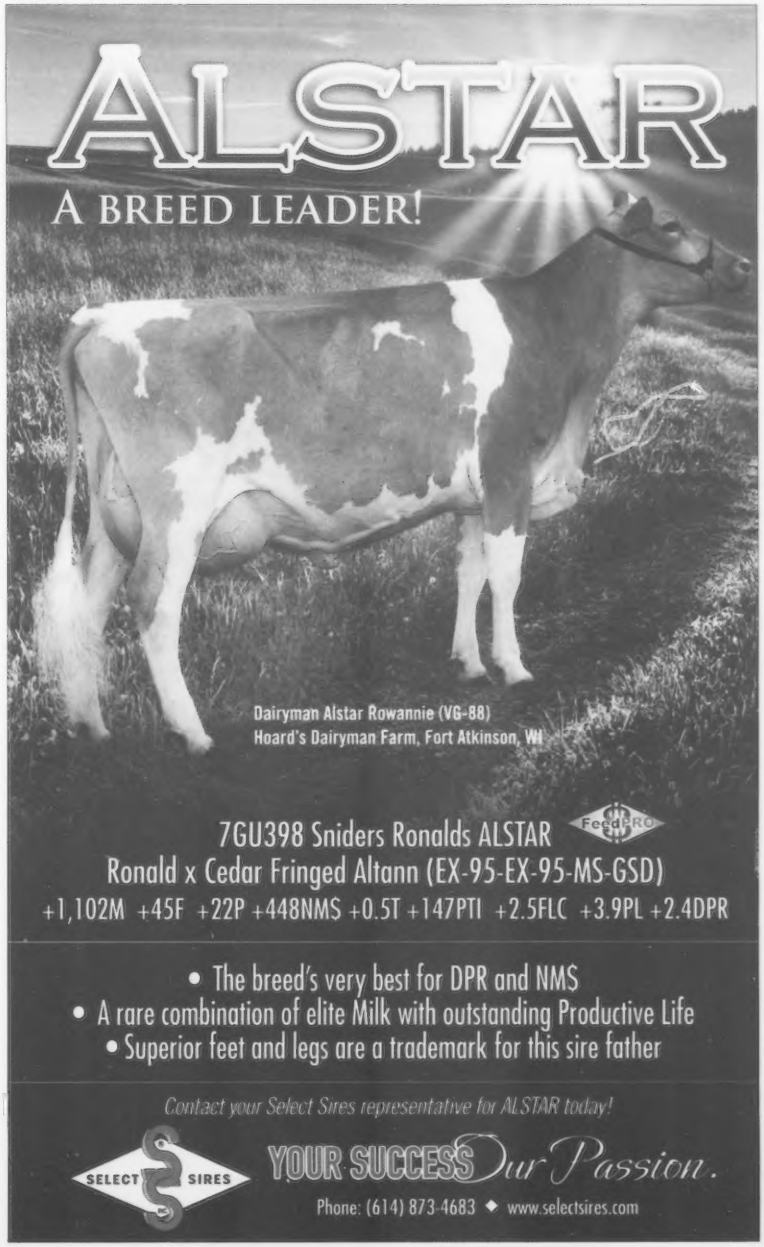

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